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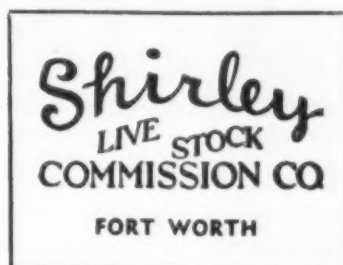
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From the Association Office . . .

ERNEST WILLIAMS
Executive Secretary

THE ASSOCIATION activities for the past month as well as for the four-month period, November 1, 1955, through February 28, are well outlined in the minutes of the spring meeting held in Bandera, March 24. Those minutes appear in this issue of the Sheep and Goat Raiser.

The officers and committee chairmen reported on Association activities at the National Wool Growers Association convention in Fort Worth, the Emergency Drought Feed program, procuring of additional funds for predatory animal control, Washington representations by our congressmen and National Wool Growers representatives, Water Committee organization, and the meeting of the American Sheep Producers Council.

AMERICAN SHEEP PRODUCERS COUNCIL

Walter Pfluger and Penrose Metcalf, who was elected by the other Region III delegates to fill the unexpired term of Fred Earwood as an ASPC director, were attending the ASPC directors meeting in Washington as the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association meeting was being held in Bandera.

The ASPC meeting was mostly for the purpose of approving a budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1.

A total of \$600,000 was allocated to wool promotion and advertising and \$800,000 was set up for lamb work. One hundred fifty thousand dollars was earmarked for administrative expenses which includes upkeep of the Denver office, per diem and travel expenses of directors, plus the cost of an information service if one is set up.

The budget as finally adopted was changed from one which proposed \$900,000 for lamb and \$350,000 for wool advertising and promotion. Administrative allowances were reduced from \$318,000.

The ASPC directors will meet again in Denver May 21-23 to decide exactly how the money will be spent.

The increase in funds for wool advertising and promotion is in line with recommendations of the TS&GRA.

Of the three committees set up, Mr. Pfluger is chairman of the Wool Committee and Mr. Metcalf is a member of the Administrative Committee.

Mr. Earwood resigned as a director of the ASPC because of his inability to attend the Washington meeting and in order that Region III could have full representation.

MEXICAN LABOR

The processing of "specials" at the Eagle Pass Bracero Center has been stopped for two weeks (as of March 29). Mexican Nationals can still be processed from the labor pool at the

center and it is hoped that specials will be available again soon.

LATE NOTE: Effective March 29, 1956, the Bracero Center at Eagle Pass was opened and will remain open two weeks. The word "specials" as previously used has been changed to "key men."

If a rancher already has processed Braceros whose terms have no more

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than two (2) months to run the present contract may be terminated and a new "key man" contract made for a full year. The unused insurance for the two months or less will be carried to the new contract.

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WATER COMMITTEE

Representatives from the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, the Texas Grange, Texas Farm Bureau, Farmers Union, Texas Association of Watershed Groups, and the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association will meet in Austin April 19 to carry a few steps further the work started in San Angelo February 24. All but two of the above named organizations met on that date and agreed to have three representatives at Austin to attempt to work out a water program acceptable to each other.

Considerable interest has been shown in water conservation and it is the hope of the committee that a bill can be ready for presentation to the next legislature which will protect the interests of the consumer and of the land owner.

Representatives of the TS&GRA at the April 19 meeting will be R. W. Hodge, Del Rio, Chairman; Allie Allsup, Bandera; and Lance Sears, Maryneal. President J. B. McCord and Vice President T. A. Kincaid will be present in an ex-officio capacity.

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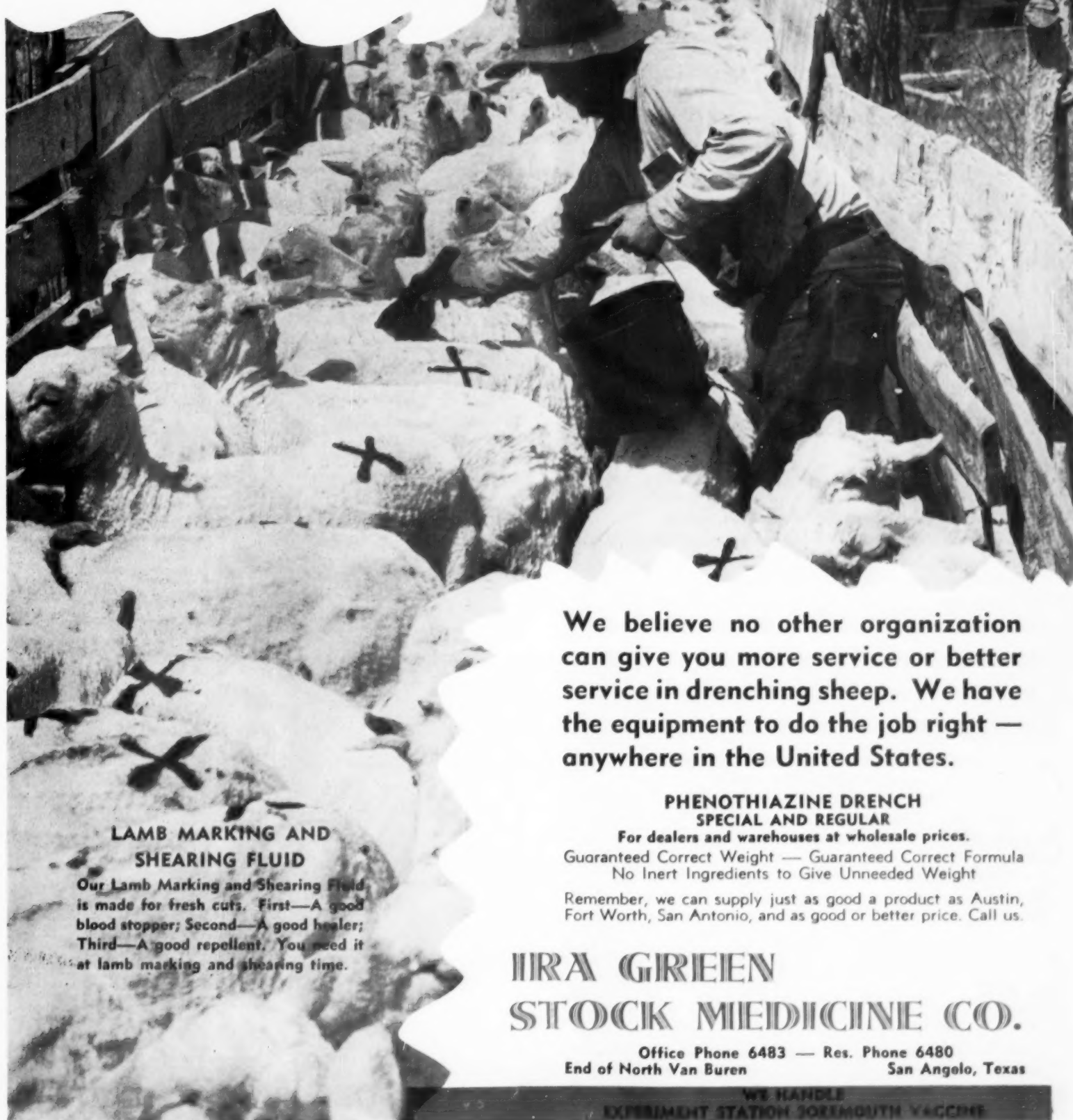
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Second Quarterly Directors Meet

March 23-24, 1956, Bandera

THE SECOND quarterly directors' meeting of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association was called to order at 1:40 P.M. on Saturday, March 24, 1956. Invocation was given by Rev. John Platt, pastor, First Methodist Church, Bandera, Texas. John Langford, Bandera, gave the address of welcome and the response was given by Virgil Powell.

The following directors were present:

Dick Alexander, John Alexander, Allie C. Allsup, Marcus Auld, James Baggett, Alvis Belcher, Heltis Blackwell, Stanton Bundy, Jr., Jimmie Chittum, John P. Classen, R. R. Coreth, K. Cowser, John R. Crouch, W. R. Cusenbary, J. T. Davis, Murlin Davis, Aubrey DeLong, S. W. Dismukes, Joe Dobson, O. D. Dooley, Armer F. Earwood, Fred T. Earwood, Arthur Eichenlof, Worth Evans, Albert Faltin, Sayers Farmer, Horace Fawcett, Frank Fulk, Earl Garrett, F. D. Garrison, Alf. McD. Gilliat, Carlton H. Godbold, Arthur G. Harral, Jr., S. A. Hartgrove, Scott Hartgrove, Raymond Hicks, R. W. Hodge, Pierce Hoggett, Ted Hokekamp, Henry Horn, Bryan Hunt, Edwin Jackson, Scott Keeling, T. A. Kincaid, Jr., G. R. Kothmann, Charles E. Long, J. B. McCord, E. F. McEntire, Jimmie Maddox, Edwin S. Mayer, Len M. Mertz, H. J. Y. Mills, Oscar Neunhoffer, W. S. Orr, Rollie E. Peril, E. M. Peters, Carl Pfluger, Jimmie Powell.

Virgil J. Powell, Jim Prior, C. R. Pussard, Felix Reel, Jr., Tom Richey, Jimmy Rieck, Pat Rose, Jr., Joe Brown Ross, David Schmidt, Lance Sears, Clyde Sellers, Jr., R. O. Sheffield, E. G. Sieker, L. M. Stephens, W. T. Stewardson, Adolf Stieler, Monty L. Stone, George Tomlinson, John Treadwell, J. W. Vance, Jack Treadwell, J. W. Vance, Jack Vaughn, Raymond Roy Walston, C. W. Wardlaw, Walker White, D. C. O. Wilson, Dick Winters, Gus Witting, Jr., Ray F. Wyatt.

In his quarterly report President McCord briefly reported on the Association's representative activities at the annual convention of the National Wool Growers Association in Fort Worth in January and that Wallie Hodge would give a more detailed report on certain activities.

He told of the action taken by Association officers the middle of January to get the emergency drought feed program extended in many counties and put into effect in several new counties.

He told of an increase of \$250,000.00 in the appropriation for predatory animal control by the Congress following appearances by Congressmen O. C. Fisher, Mahon, and Kilday

before the Appropriations Sub-committee. The Association requested that the congressmen testify for the increase.

Water Conservation

One of the most important acts during the quarter was a meeting held in San Angelo February 24 attended by representatives of the five largest state-wide agricultural associations. These associations met to discuss a water conservation program that could be backed by all of them, as it had been evident during the session of the previous legislature that the agricultural interests of the state were not together.

Earwood Resigns

President McCord reported Fred Earwood had resigned as a director in the American Sheep Producers Council from Area III, or Texas, because of business and his inability to be in Washington for the March 21-23 meeting of the Council. The delegates of Area III elected Penrose Metcalfe to take Mr. Earwood's place and he and Walter Pfluger have just finished meeting with the Council in Washington. He said that a number of the changes wanted by the Texas group had been obtained.

Mr. McCord said that Association officers had visited all but a few of the wool and mohair warehouses in the state and that he hoped to visit the balance very soon and revisit others. He expressed his appreciation to the directors and members present at the meeting for their attendance.

Financial Report

The following financial report was given by Ernest Williams: "This report is for the four month period of November 1, 1955, through February 29, 1956. The increase in dues voted at the last annual convention is not reflected in the \$10,182.98 received as Wool and Mohair Dues but is in the amount shown for Associate Dues. That total is generally around \$1,300.00. Total receipts were \$12,242.98.

"Regular expenditures were \$9,522.93 but with the \$5,672.00 for the balance of last year's quota to the National Wool Growers Association the total was \$15,194.93. This was \$2,951.95 more than was received.

"Expenditures were just about as budgeted. "Salaries included that extra help used in December and January in preparing statements to delinquent members and in other office work.

"Travel and automobile expense look heavy but considerable traveling has been done by your officers these past four months. Car expense includes new tires and a year's insurance on a new Association car.

"The new car, authorized by the directors at the last convention through the 1956 budget, was bought from the Highland Chevrolet Company at cost to the dealer. Other expenditures under Office Expenses are as budgeted.

"Meetings and convention expenditures were for meeting expenses in Fort Worth during

both our convention and the National Wool Growers convention.

"A number of small accounts are grouped in miscellaneous—flowers and memorials to families of deceased directors, dues to other Associations, etc.

"Two accounts are not shown and should have been though they have been carried separately in the past.

"A total of \$1,818.82 was received for Wool and Mohair Promotion before we stopped setting aside 5c out of dues. A total of \$1,741.09 was used for Miss Wool expenses during this period.

"One thousand three hundred eighty-eight dollars was sent to the National Livestock Tax Committee. We have a full year's quota to that committee of \$1,466.00, leaving a balance to be paid of \$78.00.

Membership

"Membership in January was 6,384; down several hundred since last November. We have checked with all the warehouses regarding members whose dues were not paid in 1955. Most of them have returned the lists with the information requested but some lists are still out. Send in as soon as possible. We realize that it takes time to do this for us but we appreciate your help in keeping our membership current.

"In spite of everything we can do the office personnel still makes an occasional error. We are sorry for them and do our best to keep them at a minimum."

Fred Earwood, Chairman of the Wool Committee, gave reports for the Warehouse, Wool & Mohair Marketing, and Membership and Dues Sub-committees.

The Warehouse Sub-committee had no report but stated it had discussed the wage and hour law and its applications to wool and mohair warehouses.

Watt Reynolds, acting chairman of the Membership and Dues Sub-committee, stated that they had discussed fully a plan to extend the Association's membership and had handed in a resolution.

Mr. Earwood, reporting for C. T. Hokekamp, chairman of the Wool & Mohair Marketing Sub-committee, stated that producers faced a stiff fight in building up their markets. He mentioned the difficulty in getting General Motors to use wool and mohair in upholstery because of the excessively large block of stock held by Dupont, who manufactures synthetics. Resolutions had been turned in.

T. A. Kincaid, chairman Livestock Committee, asked for reports from his Sub-committees.

For the Lamb Sub-committee Aubrey DeLong had no report to make except that the 2c voluntary deduction for lamb promotion was no longer necessary.

Jimmy Rieck reported for the Livestock Theft Sub-committee and stated that all theft cases should be reported to the Association office.

Worth Evans of the Predatory Animal Sub-committee told of a sportsman's club which has been organized which will be of help to the Association as a lobbying group.

Virgil Powell, chairman of the General Affairs Committee, asked for reports from his Sub-committees.

There was no report from Horace Fawcett from the Tax Sub-committee.

J. T. Davis from the Traffic Sub-committee said a resolution had been turned in on rate deductions.

Reporting for the Labor Sub-committee, O. D. Dooley told of the closing of the processing station in Eagle Pass in regard to the processing of "specials."

At the request of Raymond Hicks, chairman of the College, Research and Extension Sub-committee, Dr. Tom Watkins, Texas A&M College, requested the Association to appoint a committee of four men to work with the Animal Husbandry Department at the college. He stated that such a committee would be a big help both to the Association and to the college. He stated that the wool scouring plant should be in operation by summer. President McCord said he would give careful consideration in the appointment of the committee.

Statewide Water Committee

President McCord asked for special committee reports. T. A. Kincaid told of the meeting in San Angelo February 24 when statewide agricultural organizations met together and after discussing the problem fully voted to meet in Austin April 19. At that time they will start working up a program that each organization could back completely. He moved that the Association officially approve the action taken by the Water Committee and that the TSGGRA become a member of the new Statewide Water Committee. It was seconded by Edwin Mayer and carried.

Raymond Hicks reported on the Feed Control Act meeting at College Station in February and said that much progress was made in drawing up a bill which will be presented to the next Legislature. The committee will meet again soon.

National Dues Paid

Mr. McCord called on R. W. Hodge to give a report on the Association's activities at the National Wool Growers Association convention in January. Mr. Hodge recalled that half the 1955 dues to the National Association were paid last fall and payment of the balance was left to the discretion of the officers. After a thorough check of what the National Association was doing on matters of concern to the Texas Association and following a caucus of all the Texas members attending the convention, President McCord paid the balance of the 1955 dues.

He said we were interested in getting the National's budget for 1956 reduced and that this was done.

Mr. Hodge said that the Texas group opposed the change in the pulled wool program but that the Department had announced the change before the convention met. He explained how the new pulled wool program would work.

He also stated that the Texas Association worked hard for a more equitable division of ASPC funds between wool and lamb promotion.

Mr. Hodge stated also that the Association voted to direct the delegates and directors from the National Wool Growers Association to the American Sheep Producers Council to work for the removal of Secretary J. M. Jones.

President McCord thanked members of the Association for their help.

Districting

Edwin Mayer reported that the Districting Committee had held several meetings and had some ideas on methods by which the state could be districted but was not ready for a report.

The Emergency Feed Audit

On another activity Mr. Mayer told of the assistance given by the Association in regard to audits carried on by the Commodity Credit Corporation on the drought emergency feed program. Because the program was put into operation so quickly a complete explanation of how the program should operate was not made and as a result many feed houses were found to be guilty of technical violations. He said that he had been advised following assistance by Congressman O. C. Fisher and others that purely technical violations would not be reported by the auditors but certainly the few cases of fraud would be.

He asked that the Association members report to the Association office instances where technical violators are being pushed by the auditors.

Scabies

Pierce Hoggett, chief scabies supervisor of the National Livestock Sanitary Commission of Texas, reported that with the additional men hired by the \$250,000.00 obtained by the Association last year over five million sheep had been inspected and only 74 in one bunch were found to have scabies. These sheep have been dipped twice and there are no scabies sheep in Texas at this time.

Resolution on J. M. Jones

The following special resolution was read by T. A. Kincaid, Jr., who moved its adoption. It was seconded by Edwin Mayer and passed: "The Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association pauses to pay honor and respect to one who is retiring after having been actively associated for many years with the sheep and goat industry to which he made many outstanding contributions.

"Mr. J. M. Jones, Chief, Division of Range Animal Husbandry, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, had an important part in the establishment of the Ranch Experiment Station, Sub-station 14, Sonora, which in turn has done research that reaches every sheep and goat ranch in the state.

"He did valuable work proving the value of the smooth-bodied sheep with a dense fleece over the wrinkled one and thus did much to set the type of today's West Texas range sheep.

"His work on the effects of age, sex and fertility of Angora goats on the quality and quantity of mohair was of great value to that part of the West Texas range industry.

"His interest in the whole industry's welfare brought about the research wool scouring plant which resulted in wool shrinkage knowledge worth many thousands of dollars annually to Texas wool producers.

"Mr. Jones' work was truly of a practical nature. The industry is honored to have had the services of this man."

At the request of Mr. Kincaid, Mr. Jones was escorted to the front where a plaque from the Association was presented to him.

Mr. Jones thanked the Association for the honor and expressed his pleasure of having worked among the Association members for many years.

General Resolutions

Edwin Mayer, chairman of the General Resolutions Committee, read the following resolutions and moved their adoption. It was seconded by Bryan Hunt and was passed:

"We recommend that the president be authorized to hire temporary personnel for a period not to exceed one year to assist in a campaign to extend Association membership.

"Quotations of wool futures and wool top futures frequently have a depreciating effect on the wool market because the quantity of wool traded at the quoted price is not made

JONES HONORED

J. B. McCord, President, left, and T. A. Kincaid, right, Association President and Vice President, respectively, greet J. M. Jones, retiring professor of animal husbandry of Texas A&M and Texas Experiment Station, who is retiring from work. He is being honored by the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association and presented with a plaque. (See page 48, December, 1955)





AT BANDERA

Part of the group of directors of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association as they met at the noonday luncheon at the Light School Gym.

public. This operates by virtue of the fact that futures quotation may be low but may only involve one or two contracts which is an insignificant amount of wool and should have no effect whatsoever on the raw wool market but where no quantity is given it is assumed that the price entails a sufficiently large quantity of wool to have an effect on the market.

"We direct the officers of this Association to take necessary steps to establish the custom of quoting the number of contracts whenever the futures prices are quoted and we ask the assistance of the National Wool Growers Association in bringing this about.

"In former years large quantities of wool and mohair were used in the upholstery of automobiles and furniture. This consumption has declined in recent years almost to the vanishing point.

"We earnestly solicit the support of the Wool Bureau to assist in working for the increased consumption of wool in automobiles and furniture upholstery.

"We endorse the provisions in HB No. 849, introduced by Stanley Banks, Jr., last year in the State Legislature, and urge that every effort be made by this Association to secure the assistance of other interested organizations in securing the passage of a bill with the provisions of or carrying out the intent of HB 849.

"We request the officers of this Association to work with the National Wool Growers Association and any interested organizations including the National Grange, The Farm Bureau and the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association in contacting the National Park Board urging the initiation of an effective predatory control program in National Parks.

"We petition the Interstate Commerce Commission to approve, and the railroads to put into effect, (1) reduced freight rates on grease wool in bags, (2) grease wool in bags, compressed and (3) baled scoured wool from West Texas points to Philadelphia and Boston and other eastern and southeastern wool concentration and manufacturing centers.

"In view of the practical impossibility of taking advantage of the 40-foot car, 40,000 pound minimum rate because of the bulky nature of grease wool in bags, we recommend (1) a rate of \$2.40 per hundredweight on grease wool in bags with a minimum of 30,000 pounds irrespective of the car lengths, (2) a rate of \$2.00 per hundredweight on grease wool in bags, compressed, 50,000 pounds per car minimum, and (3) that rates and minimum weights on scoured wool be adjusted to an equitable basis.

"The railroads have increased freight rates several times since the end of World War II in an effort to increase revenues. These increased rates have driven away from the railroads a large part of the shipments of wool from the Texas producing areas to eastern points.

"Reduced rates will mean considerable savings to the wool and mohair industry and will bring needed revenue to the railroads through business they do not now have.

"As a matter of comparison and further justification of a decrease in rates, the rate and minimum on cotton from San Angelo to Boston is as follows: Minimum 25,000 pounds, \$1.72 per hundredweight; minimum 35,000 pounds, \$1.64 per hundredweight; minimum 50,000 pounds, \$1.52 per hundredweight.

"There is not a great deal of difference today in value of these two commodities. Cotton is highly inflammable and subject to other great damage, while wool cannot be destroyed by fire.

"This meeting of the Board of Directors of our Association has been thoroughly an enjoyable one. We express our sincere gratitude to the business people and Association directors of Bandera County who have made this such a pleasant experience and we especially thank the good ladies of this community for the delicious meal they served us today noon."

Resolution Deferred

Mr. Mayer read the following resolutions presented by another organization: "Due to prolonged drought, local supplies of feed, hay and pasture have been exhausted. It is vital to the country that producers and ranchers continue to maintain their herds of livestock.

"The Federal Government has designated

certain areas as Drouth Relief Areas and has extended its present feed program to those areas. It is the intent of both the Federal Government and cooperating local agencies to have this program operate efficiently and to the benefit of the livestock grower and the Government. Therefore, we petition the proper Governmental Agencies to continue the drouth assistance program, but based on \$1.50 rather than on \$1.00 per cwt. of surplus grains, and to permit the eligible farmer or rancher to use the assistance certificates for the purchase of any or all customarily used feedstuffs.

"However, the final holder of dealer drouth scrip will be required to continue to purchase one of the designated surplus grains from the Commodity Credit Corporation. This will permit the Government to dispose of part of its surplus grains and yet not be involved in any cash disbursements in connection with this increased drouth assistance.

"We ask further that such program be maintained as long as the need exists, and that the need be determined at the local county level."

After discussion and on motion by Virgil Powell, seconded by Sayers Farmer and carried, the resolution was referred for further committee study.

"The Federal Government has recognized the need for cheaper money for farmers and ranchers in drouth disaster areas. The present method of administering cheaper money has proven to be unsatisfactory.

"A workable plan can be accomplished by allowing the FHA to take up the current indebtedness of the farmer and rancher and to place it on a long term capital loan at 3% on a second lien or by allowing the local lending agency to continue carrying this loan as a Government guaranteed second lien loan at 3%, thus allowing the local lender to lend the farmer and rancher his current operating needs through a more flexible program.

"WE THEREFORE petition our United States Senators and Representatives to bring this need to the attention of the proper authorities so that its adoption may be quickly accomplished."

It was moved by Worth Evans that we adopt this resolution. It was seconded by Jimmie Maddox and the motion carried.

"There has been a long recognized need to provide for a stabilizing factor to alleviate the highs and lows in the income of the farming and ranching industry. This industry has irregularly occurring loss years due to disastrous price breaks, drouths, floods and other factors uncontrollable by man.

"The tax laws have provided protection for other industries to cover the most critical risks of loss. There is a need to allow the farmer and rancher to bring security to his industry by being able to help himself during disaster periods without the necessity of Government aid. This can be largely accomplished by allowing the farmer and rancher to set aside in Government Bonds a reserve of 5% of his net income during good years to allow for relief during disaster years. This would not restrict the Government from having full use of the monies at all times except during emergency periods.

"THEREFORE, we urge our United States Senators and United States Representatives to bring to the attention of the Internal Revenue Service and other appropriate agencies the need for such a plan and its adoption."

It was moved by Horace Fawcett and seconded by Raymond Roy Wadston that we adopt this resolution. The motion carried.

"The farming and ranching industry has been plagued with unprecedented losses in their industry. The farm and ranch surpluses along with the price squeeze (high cost of production and depressed income) and widespread drouth is forcing the industry to endure more losses or depressed incomes. The result is that many in this industry will not be able to recoup their losses through the present law governing net operating loss carryback and carryforward.

"It was the original intent of Congress to allow a business to offset all its losses against income of other years. It is now apparent that the losses of the farmers and ranchers have been so great and their future profits in the next few years appear to be so meager that

they will not be able to offset their losses against profits in the time specified by Congress.

"WE THEREFORE petition our United States Senators and Representatives to bring to the attention of the Internal Revenue Service and other appropriate agencies the need for an extension of time to carry over farm and ranch losses beginning with the year 1949 and carrying forward until all such losses are absorbed."

It was moved by Arthur Harrial, Jr., and seconded by Worth Evans that we adopt this resolution. The motion carried.

Watt Reynolds, reporting for Ed Willoughby, chairman of the Wool Promotion Committee, told of activities of Miss Wool during the year.

Brownwood Next

After an invitation from Mr. Kyser and on motion by Scott Hartgrove and second by R. O. Sheffield, it was voted to hold the June directors meeting in Brownwood.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 P.M.



HOME DEMONSTRATION WOMEN FEED RANCH PEOPLE

The Bandera County Home Demonstration Club Women of eight clubs royally fed the visiting sheep and goat people during their trip to Bandera.

INCENTIVE PAYMENTS

ALL PAYMENTS will be made directly to each producer by sight draft by the ASC office. The county ASC office will decide how much payment a producer should receive. Actually, producers will not receive their money until next summer. After the close of the marketing year, the Department of Agriculture must collect all sales records and then determine what growers on a national average were paid for their wool.

Through the end of January, the USDA estimates this was 44 cents a pound.

Should this be the final figure for the annual average, the difference between 44 cents and the guaranteed 62 cents will be 18 cents, or 41 percent. Instead of each grower getting 18 cents a pound, however, he'd be entitled to 41 percent of his own net sales proceeds.

Incentive payments were put on this basis to give growers an extra reason for growing and marketing their wool for the best prices. For instance, a grower who sells his wool for

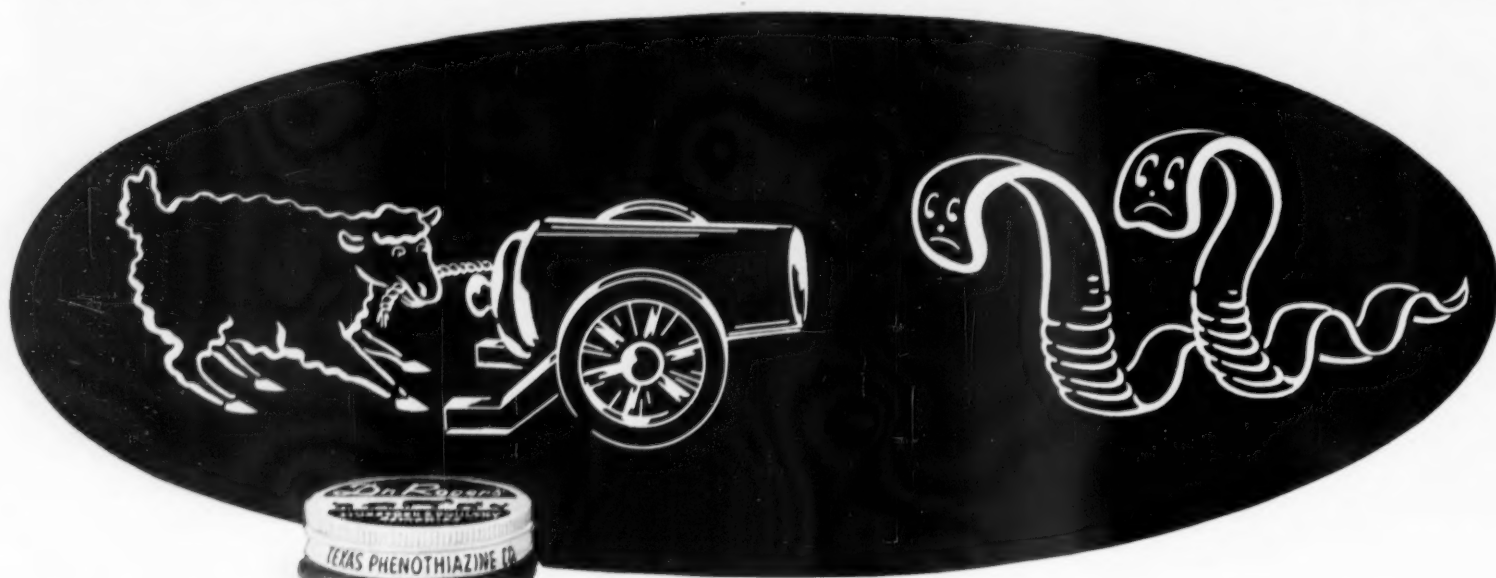
60 cents will receive an extra 25 cents a pound, if the national annual average price is 44 cents. The grower who gets 31 cents for his wool will receive 13 cents more.

Incentive payments for pulled wool are calculated differently. For each 100 pounds of full-wooled lambs sold for slaughter, a producer will be credited for four pounds of wool. If 18 cents a pound is the difference between the average shorn wool price and the guaranteed price, then the producer will receive 72 cents per 100 pounds.

HOUSTON GOAT SHOW

AT HOUSTON, the champion B and C Type bucks were shown by John Sweeten of Rocksprings. The champion B-Type doe was shown by S. W. Dismukes of Rocksprings; the C-Type champion by H. R. Sites of Wimberley. The reserve champion bucks were shown by Dismukes, the reserve C-type doe was shown by Delbert Oehler, Harper; the B-Type by Bobbie Sites.

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Purebred Sheep Breeders Plan Ninth Annual Sale at Brownwood

THE NINTH annual sale of the Purebred Sheep Breeders Association of Texas will be held in Brownwood April 27-28. The Chamber of Commerce of Brownwood has very generously offered the sales barn for the use of the sheepmen. It is located on the highway south of the city. The organization is also furnishing other necessities for holding the sale. George R. Jordan, Manager of the Chamber of Commerce; Ed Davis, a member of the Agricultural Committee, and Doug. Kizer, Manager of the Hotel Brownwood, have been very co-operative in their support of plans for the sale. In addition, J. G. Galloway, Brown County Agent, is aiding in the work.

The sale committee, appointed by Mrs. Ammie Wilson, Plano, President of the organization, is composed of W. H. Strickland, Brady; Hamilton Choat, Olney, and Findley Brewster, Temple. Lem Jones, veteran auctioneer of Junction, will be in charge of the sale.

The Purebred Sheep Breeders Association was organized in 1947 during the Fort Worth Fat Stock Show. The meeting place was a cold, cold tent during a cold spell. Many of the breeders can remember how rough it was in early organizational years.

The organization was formed for the purpose of promoting the breeding of good sheep. Many believe that a registered ram on every farm and ranch in Texas is not too big an order for the organization, and much progress has already been made.

"If you don't think the sheep industry is progressing you will find it very revealing when you walk into the sheep yards in Fort Worth and study the quality of sheep today. Then compare them with the sheep of 1916—40 years ago. You will agree there has been some good sires and dams in the breeding somewhere," recently emphasized J. P. Heath, Association Secretary.

"Through the purchase of good sires our sheep business has made tremendous strides, equally as well if not better than beef, dairy, poultry, farm crops, etc. Only about thirteen percent of our national population is now producing food for the entire nation and with many commodities showing a whale of a surplus," Mr. Heath continued.

"No man ever fed a profit into a scrub or got a thrill out of his work trying to do it," declared Mr. Heath. "That's a fine old axiom we can all agree to."

"Look over the list of breeders coming to the sale. It will be noted that it is a line-up of the top breeders of the state—people who have put a lifetime of effort and study into the production of better livestock. These are people you can depend upon to give you the best quality of sheep for your specific purpose," Mr. Heath concluded. Mr. Heath also went on to point out recently as he worked on plans for the show, that it is not so that there should be only one breed

of sheep, as some people seem to believe. "There is a place for all of them—purebred, crossbred, breeding, feeders, mutton type, fine wool, etc. One of the specific purposes of our association is to help a breeder and buyer get together so that the sheepman can get exactly what he needs for his particular purpose, climate and land."

The Purebred Sheep Breeders Association of Texas has held sales in the past at Gatesville, Georgetown and Temple, and this is the first year to hold the sale in Brownwood.

The Association has a breeder list printed about every two years. These lists have been sent out to all of the adjoining states and to many interested in sheep in Latin American countries. Thousands of such lists have been placed in the hands of sheep people in Texas.

The organization has grown from a national group of 37 charter members to nearly 200 members in the short space of time it has been operating. Every breed of sheep has a director and there are three directors at large elected to represent fine wool, medium wool and the industry as a whole.

Particular thanks have been given by the President of the Association to the Sales Committee for its efficient work this year and to Lewis Tongate and several of the citizens of Brownwood for the very efficient, gracious and appreciated help in planning the forthcoming event.

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR NINTH ANNUAL SALE

1. Consignor must be a member of P.S.B.A.
2. All sheep must be registered, and registration papers MUST BE TURNED OVER TO SECRETARY UPON ARRIVAL. Transfer fee to be deducted from consignor's check.
3. No sheep can enter sale ring carrying more than six (6) permanent teeth.
4. All sheep will be passed on by a competent sifting committee and classified and branded Stud or Range animals.
5. Consignor may enter any number of sheep but sale committee will reserve the right to restrict number of entries where necessary.
6. All sheep ruled out by sifting committee MUST be removed from the barn immediately.
7. Consignor agrees to replace or refund sale price on any sheep that is proven to be a non-breeder (sheep returned, to be in good condition).
8. All sheep to be in place by 8 A.M. Friday, April 27.
9. Classification and sifting will start promptly at 10 A.M. Friday, April 27. Sale starts at 10 A.M. Saturday, April 28, and to go through without a break until all sheep have gone through sale ring.
10. An entry fee of \$1.00 per head will be charged.
11. This will not be a P.O. Sale, but consignor for his protection will be allowed one bid only at any time on his sheep. A commission of 5% will be charged on last bid. A maximum of \$10.00 can be charged on sheep bid in by consignor.
12. An order of sale will be passed out before sale starts and will be strictly followed.
13. The management of the sale will make every effort to secure fair treatment for all buyers and sellers in the sale, but assumes no financial responsibility for the safety of the entries or representations regarding them.
14. No private sales will be permitted until after that breed has passed through the sale ring.
15. Entry closing date is April 15. DO NOT FORGET REGISTRATION PAPERS (RULE NO. 2).

Malcolm Jernigan of Goldthwaite, and Mrs. Joe Ogden, Brady, recently leased the Heart of Texas Livestock Commission Company from the Hewitt Brothers of Hereford, Texas, owners. The Hewitts have moved back to Hereford.

It Will Take More Than Wishful Thinking

Another automobile manufacturer writes about the conditions in the automobile industry relative to the use of wool and mohair in automobile upholstery. This excerpt of the executive's letter is worth the growers' attention:

"Wool, as you know, was the principal fiber used in automobile fabrics for many years, but the past decade has seen a radical change in automobile upholstery and this change is still going on. The drab but serviceable upholstery of a few years ago is a thing of the past. The public demands new and strikingly beautiful interiors and we must provide them with what they want. The desire for something new and different has been accentuated by the broad and appealing promotional efforts by some sectors of the textile industry. The forces combined at a time when wool was pricing itself out of the volume market and resulted in great public acceptance and demand for the new fabrics.

"We think wool can regain at least a portion of the ground it has lost, but IT WILL TAKE MORE THAN WISHFUL THINKING. Creative thinking within the wool industry is necessary. Interesting textures, intriguing patterns and new finishes must be developed to recapture some of the glamour that has been lost. PUBLIC DESIRE MUST BE CREATED by inspired promotion.

"We are anxious to see new offerings from the woolen mills, but with few exceptions they continue to show us only the stripes, broadcloths and cords that we have used for the last twenty-five years. With the exception of a few mills we have seen very little effort to sell woolen fabrics to the automobile industry. These things are not said as indictment of the woolen industry but stem rather from a strong desire to see the wool people make full utilization of the fine natural fibers they have to work with.

"To intrigue the imagination of eight million new car buyers each year is a serious and vital business. We plan to get our share of this business and we need all the help we can get."

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BREEDING SHEEP

ADULT SHOW

RAMBOUILLET

Ram lamb—1. & 2. Miles Pierce, Alpine; 3. Robert Huckaby, Fort Stockton; 4. R. O. & D. R. Sheffield, San Angelo; 5. & 8. Clinton Hodges, Sterling City; 6. & 7. Leo Richardson, Iraan.
Pen of three ram lambs—Pierce.
Two-tooth ram—1. Pierce; 2. J. Lee Ensor, Bronte; 3. Sheffield; 4. Eddie F. Smith, Sonora; 5. & 7. Leo Richardson; 6. & 8. L. F. Hodges; 9. Pierce; 10. Clinton Hodges.

Pen of three two-tooth rams—1. Pierce; 2. L. F. Hodges; 3. Clinton Hodges; 4. Eddie Smith.

Champion and reserve champion rams—Pierce.

Ewe lamb—1. Pierce; 2. Leo Richardson; 3. Clinton Hodges; 4. Richardson; 5. & 8. Huckaby; 6. L. F. Hodges; 7. Clinton Hodges; 9. Smith; 10. Pierce.

Two-tooth ewe—1. L. F. Hodges; 2. & 8. Pierce; 3. L. F. Hodges; 4. & 6. Connie M. Locklin, Sonora; 5. & 7. Clinton Hodges; 9. Richardson.



ROSE WINS DOUBLE HEADER

Pat Rose III is shown here with his champion ram and champion ewe of the Junior Rambouillet show at San Angelo in March. The Pat Rose breeding showed up well in the shows this year, placing at the top or near the top in just about every major show in the state. This year the same exhibitor won both championships in one of the stiffest classes ever held in San Angelo for the first time in several years.



Pen of three two-tooth ewes—1. L. F. Hodges; 2. Pierce; 3. Clinton Hodges; 4. Locklin.

Champion ewe—Pierce.
Reserve champion ewe—L. F. Hodges.
Lamb flock—1. Pierce; 2. Clinton Hodges; 3. Richardson.
Get of sire—1. Pierce; 2. L. F. Hodges; 3. Richardson; 4. Clinton Hodges; 5. Huckaby.
Exhibitor's flock—1. Pierce; 2. Richardson; 3. L. F. Hodges; 4. Clinton Hodges.

SOUTHDOWN

Southdown ram lamb—1. Jones "47"; Neil Jones, Millersview; 2. Penny "111-55"; Bobby by Penny Winters; 3. Jones "59"; Jones; 4. Bredemeyer "90"; Edward Bredemeyer, Winters.

Southdown pen of three ram lambs—Jones.

Champion Southdown ram—Jones "47"; Neil Jones.

Reserve ram—Penny "111-55"; Bobby Penny.

Southdown ewe lamb—1. Many Oaks, Larry Jacks, Eden; 2. Carter "5504"; Eddie L. Carter 11, Eden; 3. Penny "11-55"; Penny; 4. Penny "1-55"; 5. Bredemeyer "92"; 6. Carter "5503".

Southdown two-tooth ewe—1. Bredemeyer "88"; 2. Bredemeyer "76".

Champion Southdown ewe—Larry Jacks.

Reserve ewe—Edward Bredemeyer.

Southdown get-of-sire—Penny & Bredemeyer.

Exhibitor's flock—Bredemeyer.

HAMPSHIRE

Charles Todd of Truscott showed all of the Hampshire sheep.

JUNIOR SHOW

RAMBOUILLETS

Ram lamb—1. Maynard Hill, Del Rio; 2. Jim Cauthorn, Del Rio; 3. Herbert Noelke, Ozona; 4. Jimmie Stubblefield, Ballinger; 5. Gary Jackson, Menard; 6. Wayne Bridges, Bronte; 7. & 8. John B. Landers, Menard.

Two-tooth ram—1. & 3. Pat Rose, III; 2. Joe Everett, Ozona; 4. Pierce Miller, Ozona; 5. Jessie Ray Ensor, Bronte; 6. Jay Miller, Ozona; 7. Edwin Nichols, Brownwood; 8. E. M. Gentry, Bronte; 9. Mike Tatum, Rocksprings; 10. Robert Fawcett, Del Rio.

Champion ram—Pat Rose, III; reserve champion, Joe Everett.

Ewe lamb—1. Tom Johnston, Junction; 2. Benton Wardlaw, Del Rio; 3. Tom Epperson, Rocksprings; 4. Mike Tountel, Ballinger; 5. Pam Jones, Ozona; 6. & 7. Frieda Kay Noelke, Ozona; 8. Robert Fawcett, Del Rio; 9. Ralph Schafer, Garden City; 10. John B. Landers.

Two-tooth ewe—1. Pat Rose III; 2. Pierce Miller; 3. Jean Espy, Ft. Davis; 4. Jay Miller, Ozona; 5. Pierce Miller; 6. Jay Miller; 7. Jan VanderStucken, Sonora; 8. Daon Locklin, Sonora; 9. Bewel Neff, Coleman; 10. Bill Cauthorn, Del Rio.

Champion ewe, Pat Rose III; Reserve champion, Pierce Miller, Ozona.

Pen of three—1. Pat Rose II; 2. Jim Cauthorn; 3. Jay Miller; 4. Pierce Miller; 5. Benton Wardlaw; 6. Janice Taliaferro, Eden; 7. Daon Locklin; 8. Jimmie Stubblefield; 9. Kenneth Hodges, Sterling City; 10. Jessie Ray Ensor, Bronte.

Pen of three, breeder-owned—1. Jimmie Stubblefield; 2. Bill Cauthorn; 3. Frank Randolph, Junction; 4. John B. Landers; 5. Wayne Bridges, Bronte; 6. Scotty Menzies, Menard; 7. David Durham, Sterling City; 8. Frank Boyd, Big Lake; 9. John Boyd, Big Lake.

DELAINE

Ram lamb—1. Lynn Kirby, Evant; 2. Donald Bradford, Menard; 3. Jerry Wayne Thiele, Abilene; 4. & 5. Prentice Head, Goldthwaite.

Two-tooth ram—1. Lynn Kirby; 2. Donald Bradford; 3. Lynn Kirby; 4. & 5. Chester Berry.

Champion and Reserve Champion ram—Lynn Kirby.

Ewe lamb—1. & 3. Leon Poer, Indian Gap; 2. D. Bradford; 4. & 5. Lynn Kirby.

Two-tooth ewe—1. & 2. Anna Rose Glasscock; 3. Donald Bradford; 4. & 5. Leon Poer.

Champion and Reserve Champion ewe—Anna Rose Glasscock.

Pen of three (both sexes)—1. Anna Rose Glasscock; 2. Lynn Kirby; 3. Donald Bradford; 4. Chester Berry.

Pen of three (breeder-owned)—1. Lynn Kirby; 2. Donald Bradford; 3. Chester Berry.

CORRIEDALE

Joe Stanford, Eldorado, won all placings.

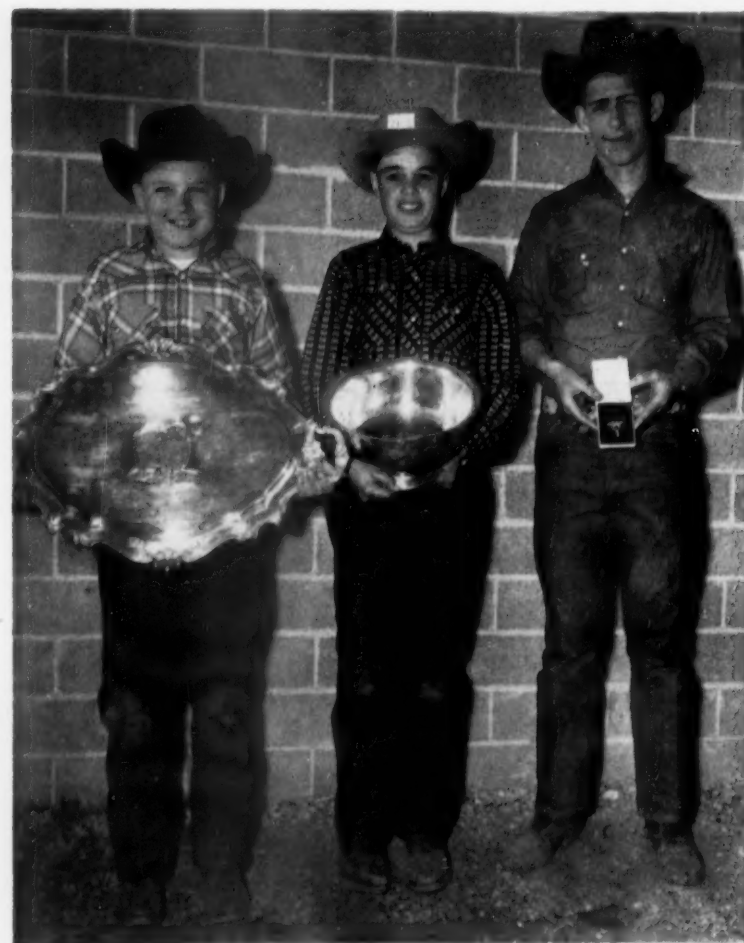
JUNIOR FAT LAMB SHOW

FINE-WOOL OVER 125 POUNDS

1. Barbara Haral, Rankin 4-H; 2. William Menzies, Menard 4-H; 3. Don Cooper, Ozona 4-H; 4. John Brooks Landers, Menard 4-H; 5. Ricky Powell, Menard 4-H; 6. Bub Burson, Robert Lee FFA; 7. Ann Joyce, Coleman 4-H; 8. Bill Davis, Sterling 4-H; 9. Clinton Lyles, Upton County 4-H; 10. Barbara Gentry, Irion County 4-H.

FINE-WOOL 110 TO 125 POUNDS

1. Eugene Erwin, Eola FFA; 2. Quinton Lyles, (Continued on page 12)



TROPHY WINNERS

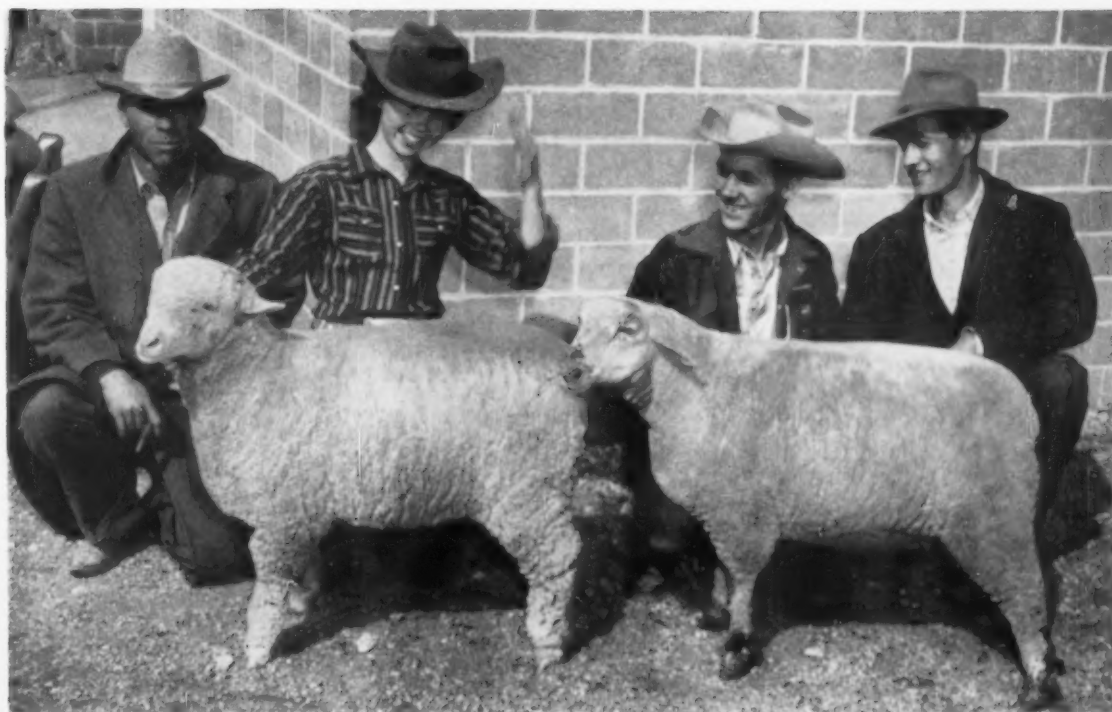
Pat Rose III, left, of Del Rio, Texas, 11, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Rose II, was the winner of the Wallace Dameron Trophy as the premium exhibitor of Rambouillet sheep in the recent San Angelo Junior Sheep Show. The trophy was presented by the American Rambouillet Sheep Breeders Association. Center is Pierce Miller, 14, of Ozona, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Miller, won the Leonard Richardson trophy as the second top exhibitor. On the right is Jim Cauthorn of Del Rio, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cauthorn, won the showmanship award—a West Texas A&M Club presentation.

FOR APRIL, 1956

**HODGES SHOWS
RESERVE CHAMPION
RAMBOUILLET EWE**



Clinton Hodges, holding, with his father, L. F. Hodges, Sterling City, with their excellent Rambouillet ewe of the San Angelo Show.



CHAMPION LAMBS

Pretty Carolyn Branch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Guy Branch, Rankin, has done right well this year with her lambs. She had reserve champion at El Paso and she had the champion fine wool lamb at San Angelo. Doug Day, shown with her, 4-H Club leader and County Agent of Upton County. On the left is Harold Carter, Roby FFA, who showed his crossbred to the championship in the San Angelo show. With him is Jim Laurie, FFA instructor.



HILL SHOWS FIRST PLACE RAM LAMB

Maynard "Bud" Hill, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Hill of Del Rio, is shown here with his first place ram lamb in the Junior Rambouillet breeding show. The lamb was bred by Miles Pierce of Alpine. Maynard has about 30 head of registered Rambouillet breeding sheep which he is running on his ranch some eight miles west of Bracketville.

ALL HAPPY

Tom Johnston, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fordtran Johnston, is shown here with his first place ewe lamb in the junior Rambouillet sheep show. With him is his sister, LaVerne, who indicates she is just as proud of her brother's winnings as he is himself and even the ewe seems to be saying something about it.



By MRS. RUSSELL G. HARLOW

REGISTERED Rambouillet breeders who have recently become active members of the American Rambouillet Sheep Breeders Association include Earl Miller, Celina, Texas; Wood Pecan Plantation, Purvis, Mississippi; and Andrew Eckhardt, Hondo, Texas.

The University of Wyoming at Laramie exhibited both champion Rambouillet ram and champion Rambouillet ewe at the recent National Western Livestock Show, held at Denver, Colorado. Dr. R. I. Port, Sundance, Wyoming, exhibited both reserve champions in the Rambouillet division.

C. J. Robinson, Jr., Norton, Texas, has sold two registered ewe lambs to Louis Lee of Maverick, Texas.

Congratulations to Pat Rose, III, of Del Rio, Texas, who won the title of Premier Exhibitor and possession of the Wallace Dameron Memorial Trophy by winning the most points in the Junior Registered Rambouillet Breeding Sheep Division at this year's San Angelo Fat Stock Show. Second Premier Exhibitor and winner of the Leonard Richardson Memorial Trophy was Pierce Miller of Ozona, Texas.

And to all the junior Rambouillet exhibitors in all the shows this year, the Association and its members are justly proud of the job you've done.

Breeders were also enthusiastic about the adult division of the Rambouillet breeding sheep division at San Angelo—the largest since 1951.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Stranghoner, Ashland, Kansas, have sold a registered Rambouillet ewe to Sylvester F. Glenn of Fowler, Kansas, for his club work.

Entries close Friday noon, April 27, at Sacramento, California, for the annual California Wool Show. Fleeces should arrive before this time.

The Wool Show is held annually in conjunction with the California Ram Sale. Rambouillet consignors include the following Association members: Wynn S. Hansen, Collinston, Utah; the J. K. Madsen Rambouillet Farm, Inc., Mt. Pleasant, Utah; Mokelumne Farms, Acampo, California; Nielson Sheep Co., Ephraim, Utah; the University of California at Davis; and John V. Withers, Paisley, Oregon.

Myron Morris, East Vaughn, New Mexico, has sold 10 registered aged ewes and four registered yearling ewes to Howard Leavell, Texico, New Mexico.

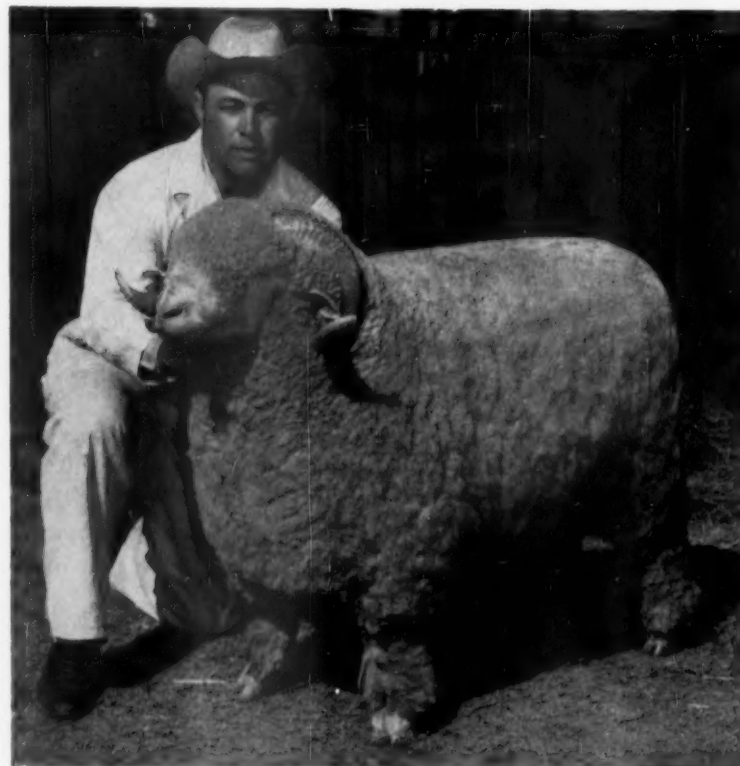
Pat Rose, Jr., Association member from Del Rio, Texas, has set May 19 for his second annual registered and range Rambouillet sale.

Brill & Gue, Whitney, Nebraska, have sold 19 registered aged ewes, 13



A QUALITY LINE-UP OF RAMBOUILLET RAMS

In the two-tooth class in the Junior Rambouillet Show competition was exceptionally strong in San Angelo this year. Here is a line-up of the tops. Pat Rose III on the left is shown holding his champion ram and Joe Everett of Ozona with second place two-tooth ram and the reserve champion of the Junior Show.



CHAMPION AND GOLDEN RAM TROPHY WINNER

This fine ram being held by breeder, Miles Pierce, Alpine, is Colonel Kingthree Altuda which won the Sheep and Goat Raiser Golden Ram Trophy Award for 1956. He was Champion Ram at San Angelo, El Paso, Odessa and San Antonio this year. He is fourth generation of the King Altuda line sired by Kingthree Altuda, also a Golden Ram Trophy winner in 1954.

registered yearling ewes, and 10 registered yearling rams to Jim Moody & Son, Crawford, Nebraska.

Your attention is called to the following rule from the Rules for Registry of the American Rambouillet Sheep Breeders Association: "The Association requires the use of a metal ear tag containing a name or initial and a number, as identification. Prior to registry of any of his sheep, each breeder shall file with the Secretary a sample ear tag identical to those in use in his flock."

Wallace Hendricks, Dublin, Texas, has sold a registered yearling ram to Charlie Raibourn of Hamilton, Texas.

The Ram Sale Committee of the San Angelo Registered Rambouillet Ram Show and Sale will meet at 1:00 P.M. April 7 at the Association office, 2709 Sherwood Way, in San Angelo.

At a meeting in San Angelo during the recent Fat Stock Show, Clyde Thate, Burkett, Texas, was elected Chairman of the Sale Committee, replacing R. O. Sheffield, who had completed two terms. All members from last year's Committee were reappointed, and one new member, Harold Price, of Eden, Texas, was appointed.

Sale dates this year will be June 14, 15 and 16. The Sale is sponsored by the American Rambouillet Sheep Breeders Association.

John W. Carruthers, Jr., of Sanderson, Texas, writes: "Pinky and Walter have sold 25 head of range yearling ewes to a Mr. Pfluger at Brownwood, and two registered range rams and one two-year-old registered show ewe with a pair of twin lambs to Gene Harris at Burleson, Texas."

California Livestock News reports: "Wool overcoats to be continued for Air Force. Blends of synthetics found to be unsatisfactory."

San Angelo

(Continued from page 11)

Upton County 4-H; 3. Scottie Menzies, Menard 4-H; 4. Chuck Nichols, Big Lake FFA; 5. Wess Wise, Santa Anna FFA; 6. Bobbie Penning, Winters FFA; 7. Frank VanCourt, Crane 4-H; 8. Butch Moore, Upton 4-H; 9. Scottie Menzies; 10. Lanell Overton, Howard County 4-H.

FINE-WOOL UNDER 110 POUNDS
1. Carolyn Branch, Upton County 4-H; 2. Janice Taliaferro, Concho County 4-H; 3. Lanier Price, Concho County 4-H; 4. LaRuth

Reed, Sterling County 4-H; 5. Billy McIntire; 7. Glenn Bragg; 8. Wayne Estes, Blackwell FFA; 9. Joe Bess VanderStucken, Sutton County 4-H; 10. Bill Davis, Sterling County 4-H.

FINE-WOOL CHAMPION
Carolyn Branch, Upton County 4-H.

FINE WOOL RESERVE CHAMPION
Janice Taliaferro, Concho 4-H.

CROSSBRED OVER 125 POUNDS

1. Kenneth Richardson, Crane County 4-H; 2. Courtney King, Blackwell 4-H; 3. Wayne King, Blackwell 4-H; 4. Ann Joyce; 5. Jene Brodhead, Sutton County 4-H; 6. Don McDonald, Sterling 4-H; 7. Scottie Menzies, Menard 4-H; 8. Tommy Love; 9. Jimmy Davee, Garden City FFA; 10. Bill Jacoby, Crockett County 4-H.

CROSSBRED 110 TO 125 POUNDS

1. Freddy Ward, Crane 4-H; 2. Don Cooper, Crockett 4-H; 3. Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Fort Davis FFA; 4. Eddie Carter, Eden FFA; 5. Linda

Harral, Upton 4-H; 6. Frank Gerngross, Wall FFA; 7. Linda Allen, Sterling 4-H; 8. Jerry Payne, Sterling 4-H; 9. Bobby Brunson, Crane County 4-H; 10. Johnny Fitzgerald, Fort Davis FFA.

CROSSBRED UNDER 110 POUNDS

1. Harold Carter, Roby FFA; 2. Ellis Helmers, Upton County 4-H; 3. Wess Wise; 4. Don McDonald; 5. Stanley Helmers; 6. Eddie Price, Crane County 4-H; 7. Mary Jim Davis, Irion County 4-H; 8. Robert Epley; 9. Johnny Ratliff; 10. Tommy Estes, Blackwell FFA.

GRAND CHAMPION CROSSBRED LAMB

Harold Carter, Roby FFA.

RESERVE CHAMPION CROSSBRED LAMB

Ellis Helmers, Upton County 4-H.

BEST GROUP FIFTEEN CROSSBRED

1. Crane County 4-H; 2. Sutton County 4-H;

3. Upton County 4-H; 4. Crockett County 4-H.

BEST GROUP FIFTEEN FINE-WOOL

1. Upton County 4-H; 2. Sutton County 4-H;

3. Sterling County 4-H; 4. Howard County 4-H.

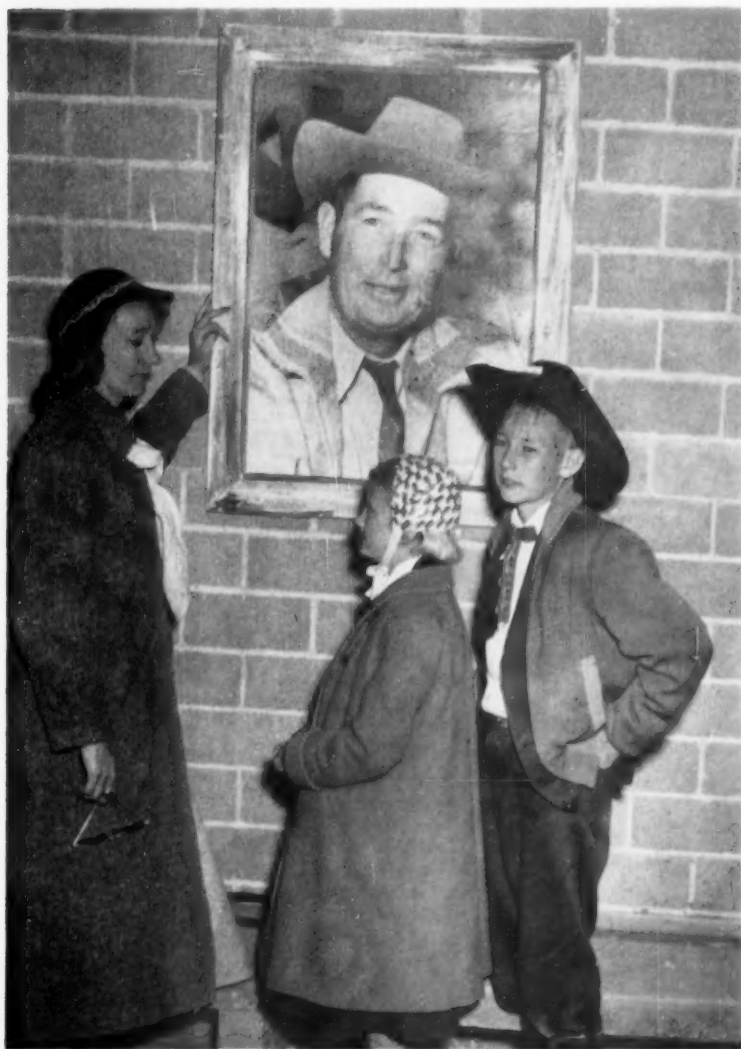
At the San Angelo Sheep Show . . .



CRANE CROSSBRED LAMBS TOPS IN SAN ANGELO

The first time that Crane County tried showing lambs it hit the jackpot. Fred Wilkinson, Crane County Agent, presented this fine group of lambs in the recent San Angelo show and they won first place in the class of 15 crossbreds. In the group are the following boys: Jerry Swift, Darrel Smith, Gary Joice, Charley Wilmoth, John Barker, Jim Presslar, Carlton

Earp, Butch Brook, David Curry, Herb Curry, Jack Dameron, Bill Mays, Ken Richardson, Fred Van Court, George Dameron, Joel Dameron, James Brunson, Bobby Brunson, and Eddie Price. In the rear are several 4-H Club leaders and sponsors: Fred Wilkinson, Smokey Swift, Jerry Cowden, Willy Price, F. Brock, Tiny Earp, and Bill Cox, all of Crane. Thirteen of the lambs of the group were bred by Wilson Barr. Two were bred by John Fussell and Tiny Earp, all of Crane.



SHEEP BARN DEDICATED TO NOELKE

H. C. Noelke, Jr., was memorialized at a dedication service during the recent San Angelo Fat Stock Show when the new sheep barn was dedicated to him. The ceremony which took place before a group of Mr. Noelke's friends was conducted by the Reverend Joe Bickley of the First Methodist Churches of Sheffield and Iraan. The late Mr. Noelke, who was killed in an automobile accident May 27, 1955, was president of the San Angelo Fat Stock Show at that time and one of the leading young ranchmen of



CHAMPION SOUTHDOWN SAN ANGELO

Neal Jones, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Jones, Millersview, showed champion Southdown ram at the San Angelo show. Young Jones has 40 head of ewes and he is raising some good lambs for sale to club boys.

the state. Shown in the picture is the deceased's immediate family, Mrs. H. C. Noelke, Jr., his son, H. C. Noelke III, and Frieda Kay, his daughter.

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Palo Pinto Rancher Goes All Out For Grass Improvement and Top Shearing Goats

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C. B. QUANTE OWNS and operates 1600 acres of land in the southern part of the Palo Pinto Soil Conservation District on Highway 80, west of the 281 intersection. Quante bought this ranch in 1950. He got possession in 1951 and immediately became a cooperator with the Palo Pinto Soil Conservation District.

The ranch is largely grassland, but a 40-acre bottomland field had been used for crop production in years past. Production was very low on the grassland as it was covered with post oak.

Originally the ranch was largely one big pasture that contained 1227 acres. The water supply was not dependable and there were no corrals or goat sheds.

The conservation plan which Mr. Quante developed included proper land use, the location of new cross-

fences, tanks, areas to be reseeded, and cover crops to be planted. Brush control and goats were discussed.

Quante first stocked the ranch with cattle. The first winter he had to feed so much hay and cake that he decided cattle production wasn't going to be profitable under his conditions. "Besides not being profitable I decided that I couldn't run cattle and improve the grass," he said.

The cattle were sold and the ranch was geared for goat operations. Quante had already begun cutting some oak and began to push and chain more with bulldozers. The big 1227-acre pasture was cross-fenced into three smaller pastures. A corral and shed were constructed. At present, Quante has cleaned out four old tanks and constructed two new ones.

The bottomland field was cleaned



C. B. Quante and R. D. Shipp, Range Conservationist, SCS, inspect a pasture that hasn't had much improvement. Note the absence of grass.



C. B. Quante, rancher in the Palo Pinto Soil Conservation District, looks over an area that was chained in December, 1955.



Quante had a band of wether Angora goats. This is part of the 650 head flock which are kept on the ranch.



Quante and Shipp, Range Conservationist, SCS, look at the bluestem grasses that are taking over just one year from time of chaining the oak. Goats keep down sprouts and a deferred grazing system permitted the original native grasses to make good growth.

up, leaving only the best pecan trees. It was planted to vetch and oats for winter grazing. Two diversion terraces were constructed and an old fied was seeded to KR bluestem. Bulldozers made passable roads over the ranch.

Quante became a "goat man" and now takes pride in his purebred Angoras. He purchases registered bucks, and each year culls his herd to eliminate the ones with poor hair. His average clip of mohair for the last year, including kids, was between 11 and 12 pounds. This is well above the average in this area.

A hundred or more acres of brush are cleared each year. Goats really go after the sprouts, and are rotated over the brushed pastures during the spring, summer and fall. It ordinarily takes about two years of goating to kill the sprouts.

During the winter the goats are scattered out, having some in each pasture. By doing this, the goats don't tromp and eat the grass too short in any one pasture. A mixture of cottonseed meal, salt, and mineral is fed free-choice during the winter. The salt content of this mixture serves to regulate the amount of meal that the goats will eat. Alfalfa hay is fed during extremely bad weather, but most

of the roughage is furnished by cured grass.

Quante runs about 650 goats and with them, has cleared approximately 800 acres. He plans to chain the remainder of the brush during the next few years and plans to start wintering some stocker calves on the extra grass that is grown. "Goats are a MUST in improving this type of country," he declares.

Improvement of special areas for wildlife also interest Quante. He has stocked four ponds with fish and planted a small area in bi-color lespedeza for quail feed. The few deer are beginning to move into the ranch.

Grass has made a phenomenal growth and improvement on the cleared land. The dead trees lying close to the ground have given the grass protection whereby it could grow and make seed. Intervals of complete rest have helped it. The tremendous amount of moisture that the trees were using has been released to grass production.

"I'm very proud of the grass that has already grown in my pastures," says Quante. "But you give me two or three seasonable years and I'll really show you grass."

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Washington Parade

By JAY RICHTER

CONCENSUS in Washington is that the recent Senate vote against rigid price supports (1) almost certainly knocks them out for this year, but also (2) may delay final action on overall farm legislation until it is too late to put a soil bank into effective operation this year.

A hard fight over the support issue is predicted in the House where a heavy majority of Agriculture committee members favor rigids. The full House approved rigids last year by a vote 207-202 — an action that still stands.

Senate vote against rigids, in opposition to the House tally, points to the possibility of a prolonged deadlock in Senate-House conference. Although flexibles are expected to win out in the end, a bitter and loud dispute about the issue will result in little or nothing new for farmers this year.

Latest official figures on farm income have pointed up Congressional debate on the "farm crisis." USDA now estimates last year's net farm income at 9% under that of the year before, a figure that is being reviewed with alarm on Capitol Hill. Other highlights from USDA's March 6 "Farm Income Situation" report:

(1) The 9% drop in total net farm income last year was the fourth consecutive year of decline.

(2) Net income per person on the farm dropped in 1955 by 6%. Income per person of the non-farm population went up 5%. The per person income of farm people averaged out at \$860, less than half the \$1,922 average in the non-farm population.

(3) Returns from farm marketings

in 1955 declined an average of 3% over the U. S. in 1955.

Here are price supports that have been set by USDA for 1956, compared with '55 crops (all figures are national averages):

Commodity	Support 1956	Support 1955
Wheat, bu.	\$1.87	\$2.08
Butterfat, lb.	56.2c	56.2c
Factory Milk, cwt.	\$3.15	\$3.15
Corn, bu.	\$1.40	\$1.58
Barley, bu.	.93	.94
Rye, bu.	\$1.15	\$1.18
Sorghum, cwt.	\$1.80	\$1.78
Soybeans, bu.	\$2.15	\$2.14
Wool, lb.	.62	.62
Mohair, lb.	.70	.70

The trip-leasing issue was headed for what may be a final decision as this issue went to press. The Senate was about to consider S. 198, a bill that would deny to the Interstate Commerce Commission the authority to limit back hauls of agricultural products.

Trip-leasing legislation has been the center of a stormy fight for about three years. A measure to deny ICC the authority to limit the duration of truck leases to a minimum of 30 days was introduced in the House and passed by a substantial majority in 1953. ICC, since then, has repeatedly postponed the effective date of an



Fred Carter, manager of the pure-bred Angus herd of Colonel and Mrs. S. M. Millner, Jr., Lexington, Va., saw a big difference in daily gains and extra "bloom" of hair coat after worming these good-looking steer calves with "pheno" in feed.

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order to place limitations on back hauls of farm products.

The ICC order is now scheduled to take effect on July 1. Passage of the bill to restrain the agency, however, would render the order ineffective.

First wool payments under the 1954 Wool Act are expected to average about 18c per lb., say officials, who base their calculations on the difference between market prices and the 62c-per-lb. (106% of parity) level of support. Growers were to be eligible for payments following the end of the marketing year on March 31. Checks will start going out this summer.

U. S. wool production in the new marketing year is expected to be about the same as last. World output may be up 2% or 3%. Market prices for wool in the new season, officials believe, will average out about the same as last.

Slow-down in the rising trend of industrial activity won't have appreciable direct impact on farmers this year, in Washington's view. Despite declines in homebuilding and auto production, business investment and government spending continue to expand.

Consumers are expected to spend somewhat more for food this year than last. Rising consumption per person, plus population increase, insure strong demand.

Soil bank payments, when made, may be higher than USDA figured at first. Thinking had been along lines of payments at about 50% of the support rate for underplanting of allotments. Payment nearer 70% now looks more like it. This would bring about \$1.27 per bushel on normal yield of wheat, 20c per lb. for cotton, \$2.83 cwt. for rice, and 98c per bushel for corn. Payments on cropland put into grass probably will be about as advertised—\$10 per acre, national average, with government sharing 80% of land-conversion costs.

Ceiling on supports fixed by the Senate appeared to have a good chance for final approval in the lower house and at the White House. The Senate put a \$100,000 top on support payments to any individual operator. A roof was also placed over soil bank payments with a \$25,000 annual ceiling on single payments for underplanting allotments, and \$7,500 the top for

converting cropland to grass, trees, or water storage.

Repeal of gas tax on fuel used on the farm breezed through both House and Senate, but one difference remained to be ironed out: the Senate would require custom operators of farm machinery to continue paying the 2c per gallon federal tax. Both Senate and House would allow farmers refunds on gas purchased since Jan. 1. Refund applications were to be filed with the Internal Revenue Service before next Sept. 30. Taxes still will be paid on gas at point of purchase. To realize the saving, you will have to ask for it—this year and thereafter.



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The Distribution and Control of Poisonous Range Plants in Texas

By OMER E. SPERRY

Introduction

THERE ARE more than 5,000 species of ferns and flowering plants classified in about 160 families growing in Texas. Most of these are accessible to livestock and many of the 5,000 are species of forage value. Within this mass of vegetation approximately 70 species in 24 families are known to be poisonous to livestock. About half of the 70 species are frequent to abundant on the rangelands of Texas and are a definite hazard to livestock.

The problem of poisonous plants is as old as the livestock industry. Restricted and intensive grazing and drouth have intensified the problem on many ranges. The decrease of the more desirable forage species and the increase of less desirable grasses, weeds and brush have forced the operator to modify his management practices over the years of range usage. As the less desirable species increase they are consumed by animals in larger and larger quantities. Plants usually grazed lightly or not at all are grazed heavily and some are found to be toxic under these circumstances. Even species known to be poisonous and usually not grazed to any extent are consumed in lethal quantities when ranges are overgrazed, run down and dry.

Most of the poisonous range plants which demand a constant vigilance in Texas are native range plants. They may be grazed in toxic quantities when good forage is scarce, other green growth is not accessible or when minerals, salt or watering facilities are inadequate.

Most poisoning occurs seasonally in relation to the growth cycle of the species concerned or when hungry animals are turned into a pasture supporting toxic plants new to them.

It is more important that the operator prevent poisoning than attempt to cure an animal after it is poisoned as only an occasional animal can be saved after a lethal quantity of a poisonous species is consumed. It is highly important that the operator know the major forage species on his range and manage for their welfare and abundance. It is also highly important that he know the potentially poisonous species and manage his livestock and pastures to prevent poisoning.

Range management practices that may be followed to improve the vegetation on native pastures and reduce the weed hazard are deferred and rotation grazing, moderate stocking, changing or altering class of animals, distributing livestock adequately and fostering good water conservation measures in general.

Mechanical treatments, such as mowing, chopping, grubbing and hand pulling reduce the current wood population and may destroy much of the seed crop.

Chemical control is usually more economical than mechanical but to be effective certain formulations and concentrations should be applied at specified growth periods.

In general, poisoned animals should be removed from pastures and provided with feed, water and, if possible, shade. A veterinarian should be called and his recommendations of care and treatment followed.

This article and those following in later issues should assist in recognition of the plants known to be poisonous. The distribution shown on the maps for most of the species is based on herbarium collections, published records and field logs. The maps indicate the general area of the State in which the species concerned occur and in most instances the plant grows beyond the locations indicated. Much of the information in this and the articles which are to follow has been taken from bulletin 796 of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station (Sperry *et al.* 1955). This publication, which contains additional information on plants poisonous to livestock in Texas, may be obtained from the Agricultural Information Office, Texas A. and M. College, College Station, or from your county agricultural agent.

Since the family is a natural category of plants based primarily on flower structure and the type of fruit produced the following presentation is by family groups.

POISONOUS PLANTS OF THE LEGUME FAMILY

There are approximately 375 species of plants listed in the legume family (Leguminosae) in Texas. Many of these are important constituents of our native range areas and are important as forage plants and due

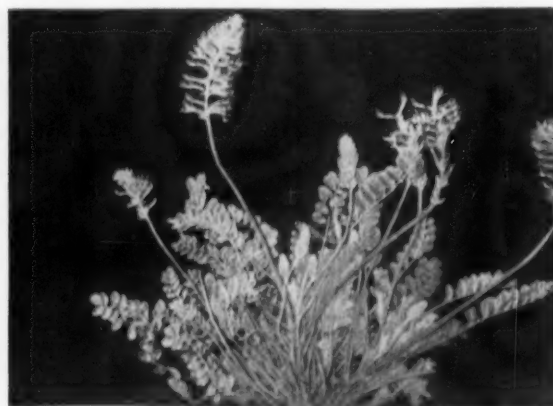
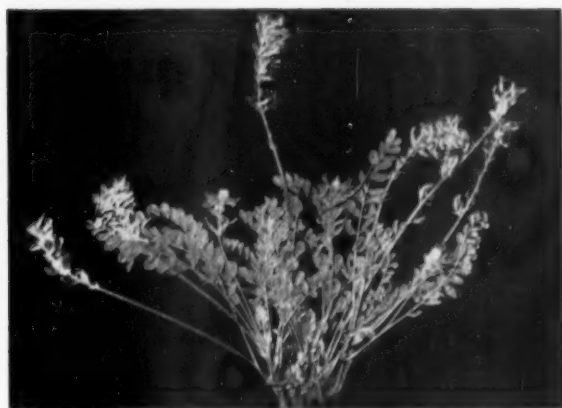


Figure 1. Earle loco, *Astragalus earlei*



Figure 2. Earle loco, *Astragalus earlei*

Figure 3. Woolly loco, *Astragalus mollissimus*

to their nitrogen fixation ability are important in soil improvement. Some legumes are undesirable trees and shrubs and about a dozen are poisonous to livestock. Probably the most familiar of this group are those known as loco weeds.

EARLE LOCO *Astragalus earlei*

Earle loco is a perennial legume with a woody taproot and numerous decumbent stems. The leaves, composed of an odd number of leaflets, are usually 3 to 5 inches in length but may be as much as 8 inches in length on healthy plants. The purplish flowers are in racemes and the seed pods are about 1/2 inch long and about 1/8 inch thick, Figure 1. *Astragalus mollissimus*, woolly loco, is very similar in appearance and may, in some situations, be associated with earle loco. Earle loco is found chiefly in seven counties of the Big Bend area of Texas, Figure 2, and extends westward into New Mexico and south into Mexico.

Earle loco is most abundant in draws and flats, and in low rainfall years is restricted to these areas. In good rainfall years it is found over much of the range area on both igneous rock and limestone soils. Earle loco grows in good as well as overgrazed grassland and is commonly associated with buffalo grass, the grama grasses, cane and silver bluestems and the lesser grasses such as the muhlys and species of *Tridens*. The toxic principle of earle loco is an alkaloid-like substance, which has been isolated and named locoine. Cases of field poisoning usually occur from eating the plant in its early growth stages. These stages, however, are governed by the distribution of rainfall and abundant growth may occur throughout the fall, winter and spring. All classes of range livestock are susceptible to poisoning, with horses more susceptible than cattle, sheep or goats. The acute form of the disease "loco-

ism" develops from eating large amount of the loco weed although a chronic form of the disease may occur if small quantities are eaten over an extended period of time.

Loco weeds are most frequently consumed when ranges are short and dry. When palatable range forage is scarce, the use of supplemental feed tends to reduce the amount of loco consumed. When plenty of other forage is available most animals will not eat loco weeds, but when they have once been forced to eat them they frequently acquire the habit, eventually with fatal results.

The grubbing of plants to a depth of 2 or 3 inches below the surface is a practice on many ranches. This procedure may need to be repeated, as experiments show that a large percentage of the grubbed plants regrow during the season, especially with favorable rainfall.

Excellent kills, 90 percent and better, have been obtained with 2,4-D in water spray solutions. One to 1 1/4 pounds of the acid equivalent of the ester 2,4-D in 20 to 30 gallons of water per acre have given the most consistent results. On small scale and spot treatments with wetting sprays, 0.2 percent (2,000 ppm) solutions are most satisfactory. Plants sprayed from October through March are killed, while April, May and June treatments produce topkill only, with regrowth in late summer following rains. If a spraying program is inaugurated, some management precaution should be followed, as sprayed

plants are palatable and toxic. The removal of animals from a treated pasture until the treated loco has dried up prevents possible poisoning and gives the range vegetation a rest and growing period.

WOOLLY LOCO *Astragalus mollissimus*

Woolly loco is a stout, decumbent, much-branched, perennial legume. The leaves have 19 to 29 ovate-oblong leaflets densely covered with hairs. The thick woody root gives rise to stem branches which tend to lie close to the ground, Figure 3. The flowers are purplish in color and the fruit pods are short, thick and 2-celled. Woolly loco is distinguished from earle loco by longer hairs on the fruit pods. Woolly loco is found primarily in the Plains area of Texas, although a few collections have been recorded for the Big Bend area, Figure 4. It is found as far north as South Dakota with eastern limits recorded in Central Nebraska and Kansas and in West Oklahoma. Its western limits approach Central Colorado and New Mexico. Woolly loco usually grows in localized patches, commonly in flooded draws in the Rolling Plains area, but is frequently associated with buffalo and blue grama grassland on the High Plains.

The toxic principles of woolly loco, as for earle loco, is locoine. The effects are thought to be cumulative, with greatest losses among horses. (Continued on page 20)

Figure 6. Yellow loco, *Astragalus argillophilus*Figure 5. Yellow loco, *Astragalus argillophilus*

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Figure 7. Garbancillo, *Astragalus wootoni*

Poisonous Plants

(Continued from page 19)

especially in the northern part of its range. Numerous cases of cattle poisoning recently have been reported for the Plains area of Texas. Woolly loco is considered less palatable to cattle than to horses, and also requires the consumption of a larger quantity by cattle for acute poisoning. As in the case of earle loco, sheep also are subject to the poisonous element of woolly loco.

Since woolly and earle loco are closely related and similar in most respects, the management and control given for earle loco also can be applied to woolly loco. Early publications state that woolly loco can be destroyed by grubbing the plant to a depth of 2 or 3 inches below the ground. Seed of both species are long-lived, thus new seedlings can be expected for several years even though the green plants are destroyed.

YELLOW LOCO *Astragalus argillophilus*

Yellow loco is a perennial, much-branched legume with a woody root and with tips of fruiting branches ascending or erect. The entire plant is covered with matted woolly or silky hairs. The leaves have long petioles and usually 11 or 12 pairs of leaflets. The flowers are yellowish white, rarely yellow purplish, Figure 5. This species is related to woolly loco, *A. mollissimus*, and like it, has glabrous fruit; the most obvious difference between the two is in flower color and geographical range. Yellow loco apparently is restricted in its general range in Texas to about eight counties with south Reagan county being the center of distribution, Figure 6. This loco usually is found in clay soils in

grasslands along draws and in depressions or lakebeds on the divides.

GARBANCILLO *Astragalus wootoni*

Garbancillo, also called rattle-weed loco, is a much-branched, annual legume with erect, hairy stems that vary from about 3 to 12 inches long, depending on habitat. The leaves are composed of 9 to 19 linear-oblong leaflets, hairy beneath and smooth above. The pink or purplish to white flowers are in axillary racemes. The plant is conspicuous in fruiting because of the large, 1-celled, inflated pods, Figure 7. In Texas, garbancillo is restricted to the Trans-Pecos area, Figure 8. It is known as a common weed in the low rainfall areas of Southern New Mexico, Eastern Arizona and Northern Mexico. It is most abundant in valley sites which accumulate runoff water from the surrounding hills and is common in bar ditches, along trails and around earthen tanks. It often occurs on rocky slopes and hills, but usually as reduced plants. It is frequently associated with dense growths of buffalo, curly mesquite and grama grasses.

Since garbancillo is an annual, grubbing and the removal of plant material around tanks, along roadways and in other localized hazard sites often is a profitable operation. If the plant is widely scattered or abundant over large areas and is being grazed to the extent of poisoning, the removal

of animals from the pasture may be necessary. The plant dies out in early summer after fruiting.

Spraying with a 0.4 percent water solution of the ester of 2,4-D has given fairly good kill, but the most consistent results have been obtained with a 50-50 mixture of the esters of 2,4-D and 2,4,5-T in a water solution. Spraying should be done while plants are young, certainly before fruiting and while plants are in a vigorous growing condition.

PEAVINE *Astragalus emoryanus*

Peavine, also called red-stemmed peavine and emory loco, is an annual legume with a slender taproot and slender decumbent stems. The stems usually branch at the base and bear odd-pinnate leaves with acute-tipped leaflets. The glabrous seed pods are 2-celled and contained about a dozen seed. Figure 9. Peavine has been recorded for every area in Texas except the Piney Woods of East Texas and the southern portion of the Rio Grande Plain. It is most abundant and most troublesome in the Trans-Pecos area, Figure 10. It is distributed from Texas to California and Mexico. Peavine grows in short grass areas and on open ground, usually assuming a prostrate habit. A single plant may cover only a few square inches or it may be 2 or 3 feet in diameter. When growing in moist, grassy areas of low vegetational dens-



Figure 8. Garbancillo, *Astragalus wootoni*

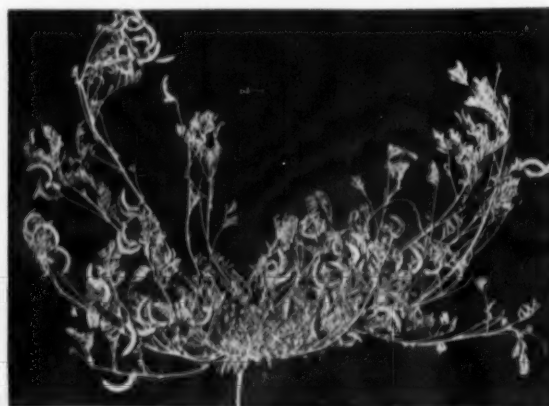


Figure 9. Peavine, *Astragalus emoryanus*



Figure 10. Peavine, *Astragalus emoryanus*

Figure 11. Lambert loco, *Oxytropis lambertii*.

ity, it may develop a few-stemmed upright habit.

Feeding trials and range observations show that the greatest toxicity occurs from plants growing on limestone soils, primarily in Brewster, Presidio, and Culberson counties. Peavine also is toxic on red-sandy soils, especially in the vicinity of the Llano River. Peavine is considered good forage in sections of the State where poisoning does not occur. The apparent mineral relationship to the toxicity has been studied by giving calcium gluconate, calcium chloride and monosodium phosphate preceding experimental feeding. Sheep given the mineral compounds were poisoned more readily than when peavine was fed alone. When the combination of soil conditions and abundant peavine growth prevails, cattle, sheep and goats may become poisoned (Sperry *et al.* 1952).

Since peavine normally is short-lived, the usual management practice is to remove animals from pastures in which they are being poisoned for the duration of peavine growth. Peavine is not a problem every year, and pastures free from infestation may be held in reserve for use during problem years. Close supervision of stock and the placement of poisoned animals on dry feed may avert some animal losses. Light stocking of infested pastures will limit peavine poisoning during most years. Since peavine often grows earlier than the grass and other nontoxic forbs, the prevention of peavine poisoning during early spring is often a problem which re-

Figure 12. Guajillo, *Acacia berlandieri*.Figure 14. Sesbane, *Sesbania drummondii*.

quires daily attention. Livestock unaccustomed to grazing peavine should not be placed in infested pastures, as acute poisoning can result.

More than 90 percent kill of peavine has been obtained by spraying with 0.2 percent (2,000 ppm) water solution of a mixture of the esters of 2,4-D and 2,4,5-T. Since germination continues throughout the growing season several treatments by this means may be required for control.

LAMBERT LOCO *Oxytropis lambertii*

Lambert loco, also called crazy weed and point loco, is a perennial legume with basal pinnate leaves from the crown of the deep taproot. The leaves have 11 or more linear leaflets which often are covered with appressed silky hairs. The flowers are violet to bluish purple, Figure 11. Flower color ranging from white or yellowish white is reported for the

species in some of the mountain states. The genus *Oxytropis* may be distinguished from *Astragalus* (i.e. earle loco, woolly loco, etc.) by a peculiar point or appendage on the keel of the flower, and by the absence of stems or branches above the crown of the plant other than the scaplike flower stalks.

Lambert loco occurs on open grassland of North-central Texas and the Plains area. It extends westward to Eastern Arizona and northward across the Rocky Mountain States into Canada. This loco usually grows on well-drained sandy or gravelly soil and frequently on rocky knolls.

The removal of "loco eaters" from an infested range is always good practice. Eating of this plant is somewhat habit-forming in animals and they may again graze the plant if given the opportunity. Grubbing several inches below the surface gives fair control. Bohmont (1952) reports that Lambert loco can be controlled with either the ester or amine forms of 2,4-D at the rate of 1 pound to the acre.

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Figure 13. Guajillo, *Acacia berlandieri*.

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Poisonous Plants

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GUAJILLO. *Acacia berlandieri*

A shrub with few or no prickles, twice pinnate leaves and flowers in globose heads. The flattened fruit pods are 4 to 6 times as long as wide and have somewhat thickened margins, Figure 12. Guajillo grows in great density in Texas, especially in the southern part of the Edwards Plateau and in the central and northern parts of the Rio Grande Plain. It extends from Terrell county on the

north to Webb county on the south and eastward into Bee county. Scattered plants and small patches of guajillo are found in areas adjacent to the Rio Grande Plain and the Edwards Plateau and in the Trans-Pecos, especially in the Chisos Mountains, Figure 13. It extends southward into Mexico.

Guajillo is a valuable browse plant and is a dependable source of forage throughout its range. When guajillo is grazed to the exclusion of other range forage for 6 to 9 months or longer, a disease known as limbering develops. Sheep and possibly goats may be affected. Management to improve range conditions is advisable on pastures where poisoning occurs. Since this is a desirable forage plant it is doubtful that either chemical or mechanical control need be applied unless it is a means of thinning out the guajillo to encourage the growth of herbaceous vegetation.

SESBANE. *Sesbania drummondii*

Sesbane, also called poison bean and senna bean, is a perennial shrub of the legume family, Figure 14. Sesbane occurs in the Gulf Coast area and extends into the State along sluggish waterways and around wet sites. The plants are often in shallow water, at least for part of the year.

The seed of sesbane are poisonous to sheep, goats and cattle. Marsh (1929) states that about an ounce of seed will kill a sheep and less than 2 ounces will kill larger animals.

The major problem in sesbane-infested areas is to keep animals from browsing the plant and consuming the fruits during the winter. The removal of plants by mechanical means or killing with chemicals is a good precaution. Hazard sites also may be fenced to prevent browsing. Ample or supplemental feed during the winter usually keeps animals from consuming toxic quantities.

MESCAL BEAN

Sophora secundiflora

Mescal bean, also called mountain laurel and frijolito, is a shrub or small tree of the legume family. The odd-pinnate leaves are evergreen, leathery,

dark green above and light green below. The showy bluish flowers have a sweet smell, and the fruit is a several-seeded, woody pod. The seed are bright orange to scarlet red and have a very hard seedcoat, Figure 15. Plants are frequent on the Edwards Plateau and Trans-Pecos areas of Texas with records from Duval, Live Oak and Kleberg counties in the southern part of the State, Figure 16. This shrub extends into New Mexico on the west and Mexico on the south.

The seed of mescal bean are highly poisonous and contain a narcotic alkaloid, sophorine. Feeding tests of leaves have demonstrated their toxicity to sheep, cattle and goats (Boughton and Hardy 1935). Cattle are very susceptible to the poison, while goats and sheep are more tolerant. The poison is not cumulative. Since some ranchmen, especially on the Edwards Plateau, depend on mescal bean for a certain amount of browse for goats, management is of greater importance than control or eradication of the plant. The providing of supplemental feed, when other forage is scarce, is recommended so

that animals will not consume toxic amounts.

SILKY SOPHORA. *Sophora sericea*

Silky sophora is a herbaceous, low-growing legume with alternate, pinnately compound leaves, Figure 17. This species is common over much of West Texas and extends north to South Dakota and Wyoming, and west to Utah and Arizona.

The seed, as with other species of *Sophora*, contain an alkaloid and thus plants are potentially toxic to livestock. Durrell *et al.* (1952) by experimental feeding had to force feed, but when fed even in quantity no illness resulted. Cattle poisoning, however, has been attributed to this plant.

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Figure 16. Mescal bean, *Sophora secundiflora*.



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Figure 15. Mescal bean, *Sophora secundiflora*.



Figure 17. Silky sophora, *Sophora sericea*.

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IT WILL not be long now (and some of the statements of the real-gone weather scientists are the basis for this prediction) 'til this dry southwestern area will be back in the normal rainfall bracket—normal for the area. That means a little rain and not drouth as some bright ones say—it is "normally" dry. Ranch people should enjoy a spell of prosperity or relief and life should be a little more like white people live it. The sheep people will be in a particularly advantageous spot—when and if the range comes back—for the incentive pro-

gram of the government will mean a lot in normal range condition times. In fact, it means considerable now, more than most growers have yet realized.

PRESIDENTIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

We figure Eisenhower and Nixon again. Do you? Alex Drier, N.B.C. spouter, declares "No" and also says that Benson will not be the next Secretary of Agriculture. Although the farm program has not gone too well and much of the sheep industry has been hit by circumstances of the times, it is surprising how many ranchmen are favorable to Benson and willing to go along with him.

It is quite likely that both political parties are going all out to try to satisfy the farm population and to reverse the disastrous income trend of the farm population, in which event the sheepman should benefit too, and that's about due. Rather, its overdue several years.

With all ins and outs of the tug of war about the administration's farm program, the Soil Bank and surplus controls, etc., Benson put his finger on perhaps the most vital of all problems of the farmer—including the livestock grower when he declared recently: "The eventual question we must decide is: Will farming remain free or is it going to be socialized—nationalized? Will our farms be farmer-run or government-run?"

We have noticed that the more that the government monkeys with the sheep business and most any other, the harder it is for the producer to make any money. The statement often made by the unthinking, disgruntled stockman that anything is better than the present situation is most dangerous. For nationalization is worse—much worse. While a stockman may go broke, as many have and will, he can go back into his own business. Under nationalization he can go to work for the government. That'll be nice. Yeah!

FARM POPULATION AND INCOME

The livestock population is down considerably in areas affected by the drouth but except in such areas, which are somewhat spotted in the southwest, the stockman is about holding his own in numbers owned and in his income. Some drouth-hurt stock-

men are supplementing income by outside work, by raising poultry and other produce. Some have benefitted from oil activity.

The Bureau of the Census reports 600,000 fewer farms now than in 1950. Very large units have increased significantly and so have the very small ones. The number of farms with 500 acres or more have increased by 55.5 percent, the number with 1,000 acres and more has doubled in the past 30 years. However, the 10-acre or less unit has jumped tremendously. While the sheep population in Texas has declined a few percentage points in the past year the number of sheep owners seems to have increased—and the trend is still upward and to the eastern part of the state. Apparently, Texas is in for a real sheep boom when the western part of the state can be restocked.

On the farms of this country the people are living better than ever before, it seems. This is not due to increased sharing of the nation's income dollar but a natural acquisition of many of the country's mechanical aids to better living. Electricity is comparatively cheap and nearly all farms have it—93 percent against only one-third of them in 1940.

Transportation facilities aid in making the farmer's life happier. Not only has he more roads but seven in ten have automobiles to travel in.

While the farmer of the nation may be better off than he was a decade or so ago the trend is not that way, judging from the marked decrease in the average farmer's income the past year or so. Comparatively speaking, the farmer is not getting his proportionate share of the national income, while labor's share has increased markedly. The lack of cooperative spirit is a big reason for this situation of the farmer. He pays for his indifference or independence while labor enjoys the dollars resulting from cooperative effort.

All in all the farmer is not as broke as some would say and are saying but today he's paying dearly for his right to work independently of his neighbor farmers.

The Chapman Brothers ranch, consisting of 30,000 acres of land about 45 miles southwest of Amarillo, in Texas and New Mexico, was recently sold to Roy H. Davidson and Jas. Windham of Midland. Both have extensive ranch holdings in Callahan, Midland and Reeves Counties. The ranch deal was handled by a San Angelo realtor and the consideration was approximately \$600,000.

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—H. B., Tuscola, Texas

We cannot go into the details of management problems in this column, but would advise that you make immediate arrangements to talk with an agricultural agent, sheep extension specialist, or successful sheep raiser about the origin of your dogie problems. It may be that your management of the ewe flock is contributing to the number of dogies. Such men could quickly point out your errors and relate some of the gimmicks for transferring dogie lambs to foster mothers.

When using cow's milk for orphan lambs, use it full strength from a cow that produces very rich milk. By first diluting, then adding cream and sweetening, cow's milk can be made to correspond more closely to ewe's milk; however, under ranch conditions whole rich cow's milk is quite satisfactory. The pains you mention might have been hunger pains.

SLEEPING SICKNESS

Sleeping sickness or brain fever is a virus disease of horses with which some of our ranchmen have had the misfortune to become acquainted. It is more properly called equine encephalomyelitis, but can affect many species other than horses, man included. Mosquitoes are the principle carriers, although several other insects have been incriminated. Wild fowl, poultry, or game animals probably serve as a reservoir of infection and carry the disease over from season to season. Since the most dangerous season involves the spring and summer months, it is advisable to have your horses vaccinated well in advance. Exterminating mosquitoes will help to protect the horses and yourselves.

PHENOTHIAZINE

After more than a decade of general use, it appears that phenothiazine may yet yield some secrets. Suspended in a liquid drench, this drug has for years been the ranchman's first line of defense against stomach worms. Added to salt in a strength of about ten percent and fed free-choice the year 'round, it will control the stomach worm in sheep without supplemental drenching in some regions. Now it is reported by California workers that if the phenothiazine is prepared in exceedingly fine particles, it is more effective. Presumably, fine particles allow more of the drug to be in contact with the worms.

NEW CATTLE DISEASES

Research workers in widely separated areas are working on some cattle diseases which may prove to be

closely related and of a virus nature. Both Indiana and New York are dealing with virus diarrhea, mucosal disease is under observation in Iowa, and rhinotracheitis is troubling Colorado and California. At least twenty states have reported similar disease conditions and many veterinary scientists refer to the over-all problem as the mucosal complex. The cause has not been identified, but all can be transmitted from one bovine to another, indicating that they are infectious.

CAPABLE RESEARCHERS

The appearance of apparently new diseases such as these points to the need for constant vigilance and a continuing or increased support of research by agriculture. Some of the problems of the future are likely to be more difficult and complicated than any we have faced before. You, the ranchman and the farmer, are ultimately responsible for the amount of research work done. The legislators who determine the size of appropriations for this purpose are merely reflecting your wishes to the best of their ability to determine what your wishes are. If capable researchers are unable to work at their full potential due to lack of equipment or funds with which to set up projects, the workers themselves are hardly to blame. Neither is the worker to blame if your appropriations are insufficient to provide salaries and fringe benefits he can obtain elsewhere. You can do your part by letting the legislators know how you feel when specific issues arise, and by expressing appreciation for their work whenever you have personal contact with state or federal research people. In return, you have a right to expect your research people to conduct an energetic attack on the foremost problems facing agriculture. If you are convinced that a governmental employee is making a sinecure of his job or that time is being wasted on hundred-year projects from which little can be expected, then you have an obligation to complain.

It is a sorry reflection on Texas agriculture in particular that a retired research worker of some thirty years service was recently reported to be peddling a commodity line from door to door in one of our large cities in order to extend his retirement pay to an adequate level. And this is a day when an unscrupulous but enterprising nostrum peddler can repeatedly and profitably market questionable livestock remedies widely throughout our sheep raising area and enjoy the confidence of many of our most influential people.

Bill Neal of Marathon, in early March, sold 21 head of 80-pound lambs to northern interests at 17½ cents a pound. Otho Drake, San Angelo livestock trader, made the deal.

A. A. Welgehausen, of Fredericksburg, who ranches out close to the Enchanted Rock, reports in the Radio Post in mid-March an interesting occurrence. While the temperature dropped to 18 degrees in most areas of Gillespie County, the land around his area did not get below freezing—around 35 degrees. He explained that the granite in the area, warmed by the 87-degree temperature just prior to the cold spell so maintained its heat that the freezing temperature was prevented.

The March 17 wool judging contest held by the San Angelo College was won by the FFA Chapter of Ozona. This team took first on judging and first team placings in wool and mohair. The Ozona team is composed of Bill Black, Earl Deland, Joe Pierce, and Carl Conklin. M. A. Barber is coach. Conklin placed first in wool and was best over-all judge. The Eldorado FFA team was second.

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PAUL GROMATZKY, president of the Southwestern Registered Delaine Sheep Breeders Association of Hamilton, Texas, reports that entries for the first annual sale are coming in fast and that more than 75 ewes and rams will be on hand for the buyers.

The new organization reports that members are coming in rapidly and that the association is to fill a need for their particular area. In addition, a number of businessmen are planning to cooperate with the growers to make the first event of the breeders a most successful one.

This Delaine sheep sale will be held in Hamilton, Texas on April 25.

BRADY PEANUT PLANT BOUGHT BY STOKES

THE BRADY Mills, Inc., at Brady, formerly owned by Swift and Company and operated at a cottonseed processing plant, was recently purchased by H. V. (Buzzie) Stokes, Uvalde and San Angelo feed man. Buzzie, in announcing the purchase of the plant by telephone to the magazine office, declared that the peanut processing and livestock feed mixing operations would be continued and that the management of the plant would be the same.

Charles Matthews has been the manager of the plant for the past ten years or so and will continue as manager. Other employees will also be retained.

Mr. Stokes, in purchasing the con-

trolling interest in the operation, declared that he was going to continue to live at Uvalde and that he would take very little part in the actual operation of the Brady Mills. Stock in the corporation is to be raised from \$50,000 to \$100,000.

The plant, which employs some 40 workers in the busy season, gets most of its peanuts from Georgia, Alabama and Oklahoma and sells the processed nuts in California. Its livestock feed mixing operations have been seriously curtailed during the drouth but in normal times is a factor in the livestock picture throughout the southwest.

Texas friends of Wynn Hansen will be interested to learn that sheepmen of his state, Utah, earlier this year named him "Sheepman of the Year." Mr. Hansen, who lives at Collinston, was famous as a breeder of Rambouillet sheep well received by Texans in the local auction sales. Recently he has been breeding Columbias with good success.

Frank Randolph, 15, alert Rambouillet breeder, had the top animal of the late February Kimble County 4-H Club and FFA show. This show, largely devoted to breeding stock, was a dandy and young Randolph's prize Rambouillet placed over some good lambs and Delaine breeding sheep. Lamar Itz, 14, had the champion lamb, his sister, Ola Mae Itz, the champion Delaine ewe, while Millard Leon Bennet had the champion Delaine ram. John Borden, Junction, 9, had the champion Angora buck of Gus Witting breeding.



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LAMB MARKETINGS INCREASE SHARPLY IN TEXAS

MARKETING of lambs showed a seasonally sharp increase in Texas during March, reported the Agricultural Marketing Service.

Some 60,000 sheep and lambs arrived at San Antonio and Ft. Worth stockyards during March 1-20. Receipts were 75% larger than the same period in February and 20% larger than a year ago. Out of the 60,000-head run, about 54,000 were counted at Ft. Worth. The other 6,000 went to San Antonio.

Around 90% of March's run was comprised of lambs, with the bulk of these shorn old-crop offerings. However, the proportion of spring lambs increased daily, while the percentage of woolled old-crop lambs steadily declined. Less than 10% of receipts were made up of ewes and other aged sheep, while very few yearlings were offered.

Lamb trading was fairly active and outlets were broad most of the month. Pricewise, spring lambs looked about \$2 higher than February's close, reflecting better dressed lamb markets at major wholesale centers. Woolled lambs were too scarce to get a market test but shorn lamb prices ruled steady to 50c lower under pressure from heavy supplies.

By March 20, spring lambs brought \$22 per cwt. on choice and prime grades, \$18 to \$21 on good and choice and \$13 to \$17 on cull and utility offerings at Ft. Worth. San Antonio quoted \$19.50 to \$21 on good to choice lots, \$16.50 to \$19 on utility and good and down to \$12 on culls.

Woolled lambs were absent but good and choice fresh shorn to No. 2 pelt old-crop lambs returned \$16 to \$17.50 at Ft. Worth. Similar grades carrying No. 2 and 3 pelts earned \$16.25 to \$16.50 at San Antonio.

Prices for slaughter ewes finished the period on a steady basis at Ft. Worth but were unevenly 50c higher to \$1.50 lower at San Antonio. Cull

to good offerings ranged from \$5 to \$8 per cwt. at San Antonio and from \$6.50 to \$8 at Ft. Worth.

Demand for stocker and feeder lambs was rather spotty this month. Prices varied from time to time and closed \$2 to \$2.50 lower than February at Ft. Worth and steady to \$1.25 lower at San Antonio. Stocker and feeder lambs cleared Ft. Worth on March 20 at \$14 to \$15.50 per 100 pounds. Good and choice woolled feeders made \$16.50 to \$17 at San Antonio, while shorn kinds traded at \$14 to \$16.

Goat receipts at San Antonio during March 1-20 amounted to about 5700 head, 40% more than the same period the month before and 90% more than a year earlier. Marketings were fairly well divided between mature classes and kids.

This month's prices ranged from steady to about \$1 lower on goats in a fairly dependable trade.

On March 20, San Antonio quoted medium and shorn Angora and a few Spanish type mature slaughter goats at \$5 to \$5.50 per 100 pounds. The day before, shorn Angoras brought largely \$6 to \$6.60, while Spanish types moved at mostly \$5 to \$5.75. Slaughter kids, weighing 20 lbs up, bulked at \$3 to \$4 per head, with lightweights ranging down to \$1 each.

Elsewhere on the livestock scene in Texas, prices took a steady to mostly higher course during March. Butcher hogs advanced \$1.75 per cwt. at Ft. Worth and \$1.50 at San Antonio. Sows were only 50c higher at Ft. Worth but shared the advance with butchers at San Antonio. Rising hog prices came in the face of seasonally heavy runs and reflected higher fresh pork prices at major wholesale centers.

Cattle, like hogs, showed a higher trend in spite of moderately heavy marketings at Texas stockyards and lower dressed beef trade. Prices ruled steady to unevenly \$1 higher throughout the list.

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Local counties should select the delegates to the camp and also select alternates and the boys should be from 13 years or older and active in their work. The County Agent or area vocational supervisors will furnish application blanks. These blanks should be mailed to G. O. Hoffman, Extension Range Specialist at A & M College as soon as possible and before June 15. The cost will be \$25 per boy for lodging and meals.

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Management of the Farm Flock

By JOE H. DIXON

THE HOUSTON Fat Stock Show still exerts a profound influence on the livestock industry of Texas and the Southwest. Having just returned from their recent fat lamb show, I could not help feeling deeply impressed by the warm friendship and hospitality extended by the management to all exhibitors and visitors.

The Houston Show is something more than a place to exhibit their livestock, for the hundreds of youngsters who love to be a part of this show each year. It is a show, where those that survive the sifting committee can realize considerably more than open market prices for their livestock. For this, the men who stand solidly behind the show are to be congratulated, for after all there is a lot of extra expense going into fitting animals for a show like Houston.

Fat Lamb Show—Extra Good

Judge H. M. Briggs of the University of Wyoming, Laramie, found a lot of well fitted lambs in the show this year. There were perhaps 650 lambs left in the barn, after Johnnie Vestal, Armour's head sheep buyer at the Fort Worth yards, sifted over 200 lambs, large and small, that lacked proper fitting. Some good lambs had lost a tooth or two, which automatically disqualified them from showing. The best way to get around this, for late winter shows, is to select younger lambs to feed out.

Competition was close in many of the classes, where so many good lambs were brought out. It was my understanding that Wess Wise, Rockwood, Texas, who exhibited the Grand Champion Fat Lamb of the show, bred and raised this fine Southdown lamb. Congratulations, Wess, on a job well done! Your lamb appeared very neat and trim in the show ring and looked the part of a champion. This lamb had a great leg and rear end and was exceedingly well covered over the loin.

Breed for Both Wool and Mutton

Most farm flock owners are trying

particularly to produce a flock of good mutton type on their farms but it is well not to neglect the fact that the wool clip does produce a substantial revenue and a good heavy shearing fleece means larger profits. Especially is this important in grade and commercial flocks, where your sheep income depends almost entirely on your local market, for both mutton and wool.

If your lamb crop this year does not come up to your expectations in this respect, perhaps the use of a better ram could be the solution to your problem for another year.

Care of Fleece Important

Now that shearing time is close at hand, your wool crop will depend a lot on the kind of care your flock has had throughout the year. Good care and good feed will show up at shearing time and put added pounds in your wool sack. Care in preventing chaff, hay and straw or other substances from getting into the wool at feeding time, help to produce a much more attractive fleece.

Select a good shearer if possible in your neighborhood, that knows how to take off the fleece all in one piece and one who will avoid cutting the sheep as much as possible.

Shear on a dry, clean surface. Many shearers spread a canvas on the ground to help keep the fleeces clean. It also helps to keep up with the tags that come off from the main fleece. Never try to shear when the wool is not dry. Shearing too soon after a rain, once the wool gets wet, makes shearing difficult and causes the wool fibers to deteriorate. Always roll up the fleece, with the clean or white side showing on outside and if twine is used to tie fleece, be sure to use paper wool twine, which is manufactured for that purpose.

When to Shear

As far as I know, there is no set time to shear your flock. A lot depends on weather conditions and when you are able to secure someone

San Angelo feed dealer, Gene Newman, recently purchased the Glenn Fox Feed Pens near San Angelo. He plans to do commercial and custom feeding.

The San Saba Production Credit Association has bought the City Office Building from the city of Goldthwaite for \$6,500.

H. G. Whitaker recently sold, it is reported, some 135 acres of grassland along the main Concho River to Hunter Strain, San Angelo contractor, for a consideration of \$200 per acre. Some of the land will be used for a caliche pit. It is a few miles east of San Angelo.



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SUFFOLK CHAMPION AT FORT WORTH

Cox and McAdams of Celina, Texas, showed this nice ram to the Championship at the recent Fort Worth Show.

to do the job. In this section of Texas, many of the flocks are sheared during the month of May. Sheep shear much easier in warm weather, when the grease is in the wool. Most sheep shearers, naturally like to shear the large flocks first, so if you cannot do the work yourself, you may have to wait until your local shearer can get to your flock. While shearing looks easy, when done by an experienced or professional shearer, it is hard work and is generally worth all it costs to get the flock sheared.

Many flock owners prefer to shear as late as possible, for they feel in doing this, they will have more pounds of wool to market. Perhaps this is true to a large extent, for the warmer the weather, the more grease comes out in the fleece. But on the other hand, your wool buyer knows there will be a larger shrinkage on this type of fleece. It has always seemed to me that wool prices are somewhat lower late in the season. Year after year, wool prices seem to start off slowly, then in due time hit their peak and after that gradually decline.

Wool Worms Bother in Wet Weather

To those who wait until late in the season to shear, are many times bothered with wool worms and maggots. After warm rains in the spring, it seems like it is easy for the wool worms to start working in the soiled parts of the fleece, at the rear ends of the sheep. That is one good reason for keeping your flock well tagged, especially the month just before shearing time. Wool worms can do considerable damage, if not treated promptly and can cause a sheep a lot of misery.

It has been my experience that the flock becomes much more active and

start to gain rapidly soon after the wool has been removed. As I mentioned in last month's column, a good dipping on a warm day, as soon as possible after shearing, does the flock a world of good. Most any good advertised dip will do the job and your flock will take on a new lease of life.

Once your flock is sheared and dipped your wool worm problems are pretty well over for a considerable period of time. It is generally after the hot summer weather sets in that the screw worm does its most damage.

Check Up On Flock at Shearing Time

There are many chores that can be attended to at shearing time as I have mentioned in previous articles. I feel that it is important enough to again call your attention to it.

Branding or back numbering can be done at this time with very little extra trouble. If your lambs are branded with the same number as their mother, it is easy to check on them and you will not lose the identity of their mother. By this method, you can weed out the poor milkers in your flock at your own convenience.

Some ewes give too much milk for their lamb at birth and unless you watch them closely and keep them milked out, may develop mastitis on one side of their udder. If this happens to be the case, it is easily noticed at shearing time. One side of the udder will be hard and caked, while the other side that the lamb nurses will be soft and pliable.

It is also the proper time to keep a shearing record of your ewe flock. It only takes a minute to weigh the fleece and keep a record that will help you decide whether or not the ewe is paying her way.

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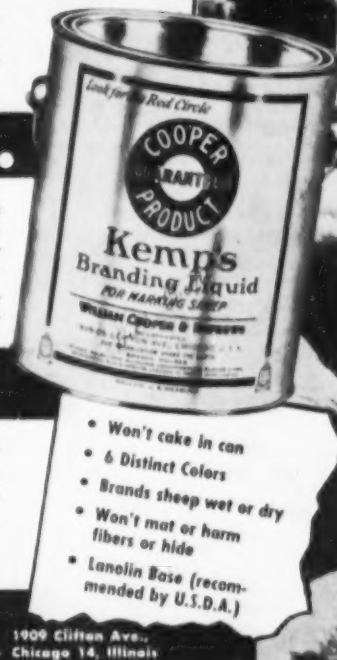
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Analyzing Livestock And Meat Situation

By SHEEP AND GOAT RAISER CHICAGO BUREAU

DESPITE THE fact that slaughtering of livestock in the federally inspected plants throughout the country continued on a huge scale during February and set some impressive February records, livestock producers from mid-February through mid-March were able to market most classes in such a manner as to prevent any further cut-backs in prices. In fact, virtually all major classes were able to strengthen somewhat in price and around the middle of March were returning their owners a little more money than they were a month earlier.

Feeding Still Unprofitable — Except Lamb

However, the slight gains which most classes of livestock were able to score were far from enough to put livestock feeding back on a paying basis. Most cattle continued to lose varying and, in many instances, rather severe amounts, while the gain in hog prices was not quite enough to make any money for the producer. The only class which returned a profit was lambs as they continued to go to the killers at prices which more than paid for the feed they consumed.

Cattle Slaughter Impressive

Getting back to the nationwide

slaughter during the month of February—the most impressive record was set by cattle as the federally inspected plants have slaughtered an estimated 1,500,000 head to set a new February total, despite the fact that this total was the smallest monthly total since last April. In hogs, slaughtering exceeded all expectations as the February total reached an estimated 6,000,000 head, the second largest February on record. Meanwhile, lamb slaughter was estimated in the neighborhood of 1,200,000 head, the largest February total in eight years.

The ability of livestock producers to hold the line against any further price cutting during this period of heavy meat production was even more amazing considering the fact that they had another important factor working against them all this time. The Lenten season and the restrictions in diets which it imposes on many people had a tendency to curtail the demand for all classes of meats and limit the action in the dressed channels.

In fact, it was the absence of dependable action in the wholesale meat channels a good share of the time which prevented the live market from

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making much noticeable headway. There were times in the live market for most classes of livestock when conditions appeared favorable for a modest price gain, but a dependable wholesale trade which could have been the spark to set things in motion was lacking and consequently no general price recovery was begun.

Cattle Market May Come Back

It was during this period of sparkless markets that many gained the impression that the cattle market could make a fair recovery after the Lenten season comes to a close. Many anticipate price gains sometime in April to help cattle erase some of the feeding losses taken over the recent months. However, there is one factor which continues to overshadow this belief and that is the expected huge pork production which will continue to offer beef some stiff competition at the meat counters.

If cattle feeders find their feeding losses cut to any extent in the foreseeable future, it will be due primarily to the huge demand which has developed since there will be no shortage of livestock during 1956. Hog slaughtering will continue to be large as farmers move last fall's pig crop to the slaughterers during the spring months. At the same time, no shortage of cattle is expected with the disclosure that there were more cattle on feed on January 1 of this year than there were a year ago.

Besides the favorable performance of the cattle market in making a little headway from mid-February and mid-March, and despite the fact that the wholesale trade failed to show more action, another noticeable development in the steer market was the almost complete changeover in the physical makeup of the offerings. Old-crop long-fed offerings, which continued to make up a fair-sized showing in the marketings during the first part of the year, dwindled in number rather rapidly and were replaced by new-crop offerings.

Long-feds About Gone

During the first part of March the percentage of steers grading prime at Chicago dropped under 15 percent, compared with a showing in the neighborhood of nearly 30 percent during the first few weeks of 1956. In fact, with each passing day recently the scarcity of the long-feds became more noticeable. Lately only a very small

share has consisted of the long-feds grading prime and most killers are becoming resigned to the fact that such kinds are about gone.

Steers showing the qualifications to grade prime continue to sell in a comparatively wide range of prices, depending on weight, although the weight factor is not as important as it has been in recent months. A range of \$20 to \$25 has taken practically all of the prime grades recently, with steers ranging down from 1350 lbs. selling generally upwards of \$22, with a few topping at \$25.50, the highest since early December.

Although there is a growing scarcity of prime grades, especially those in the heavier weights which ran freely for the past several months, steers in the heavier weight brackets continued to be well represented as the number of choice-grade heavies increased to take up the slack caused by the scarcity of prime weight offerings. The result was that the average weight of steers during the fore part of March was in the neighborhood of 1167 lbs. to equal the heaviest average weight in approximately 30 years.

Since a big share of the recent offerings consisted of new-crop offerings which had not sufficient time in the feedlots to take on much fat and finish, most of the recent selling has been down from the \$20 figure as cattle feeders found most of the steers grading good and choice from a killing standpoint returning from \$16 to \$20. In fact, in order to command rates slightly above the \$20 figure they had to be well into the high choice grade and carry a mixture of prime offerings.

After an earlier setback most heifers were also selling down from \$20 and at the lowest levels in 10 years. Although the price decline which dropped most heifers grading choice and below under \$19 did not aid cattle feeders with their present struggle, the decline did help the finishers in one respect. As soon as values dropped, the demand improved measurably and enables this class to move more freely at a time when higher volume was on the upswing. In fact, killers have been providing heifers with more action recently than that experienced by steers, and as a result heifers have managed to move up slightly from the recent low spot.

Around the first of March the stock-

er and feeder demand showed signs of slowing down as the price relationship between fat cattle and replacements became more unfavorable. However, the gradual improvements in the fat cattle trade soon erased this feeling and replacement buying hit another spurt. Despite the fact that the spread between the average cost of fat cattle and the average price of replacements is the narrowest in almost three years, country action recently was dependable.

Part of this continued activity is believed to be the result of many cattle feeders attempting to purchase thin cattle suitable for grazing before the demand for such kinds hits its seasonable peak and possibly causes further price upturns. Recently calves continued to sell up near the \$23

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Yeah, the price of pork is down a heap. But not enough that you stand much chance to get hog meat if you order pork at a restrant.

Underprivileged children, in this day and age, is them that gets sent off to colledge with Ford convertibles 'stead of furrin sports cars.

After World War I a lot of us was wonderin' who'd pay for it. Well, there sure ain't no such uncertainty frettin' us since World War II.

The money I make is about half way between what my wife tells the

neighbors and what I tell the income tax man.

I been wonderin', but nobody around here can tell me. Is today's children of television gonna be tomorrow's men of vision?

Ringtail Skump says the only middleman he has any use for is the one between the grain farmer and the consumer. He means the distiller.

Nope. We don't have floods around here. Nearest we ever come to it was when Josh Blicher brought in a 30-gpm well at 1400 feet.

SHEEP & GOAT RAISER

By the time Congress passes the farm bill of 1956, and then by the time Ez Benson's boys figger out what it means, the crops of 1961 will be in the smoke house and the keg.

Snag Posey claims he didn't neither say Len Hipple is a burro rustler and ex-jailbird with no right to be ex. "I don't say that's what Nub is and I don't say that's what he ain't," explains Snag the neutral.

It wouldn't be so bad if the Joneses would stop with buyin' big cars we can't afford, but they go ahead and buy bigger cars they can't afford.

When a feller runs for office these days, it don't have to mean he hopes to get elected. It can mean he hopes to take in some right nice campane contributions.

I got my own farm relief plan that can't fail. First part of it is for the farmers to stop buyin' things and raisin' crops for a whole year. There's other parts I ain't put my mind to yet, but I'll get around to 'em by Sattiday night.

Clem Lazenby and his missis is humpin' theirselves to make the last payment on the heater they bought for their home last fall. Less'n it's all clear, they can't morgidge it for the down payment on the cooler they're gonna need next summer.

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Outdoor Notes

By JOE AUSTELL SMALL

THE EYES of a whale are set far back and look in opposite directions. They cannot be moved to look straight ahead or behind. If Mr. Heapbigfish wants to see what's on the horizon, he must stand up in the water and slowly turn around.

Modern Sampson

The flea is so tiny that hundreds of them could be placed on a quarter at one time. Yet they can jump three or four feet in a single leap.

A man, if given the same strength in proportion to his size, could jump six miles!

The flea can lift one hundred and forty times his own weight. This means that a man, in proportion, could easily lift a ten-ton truck.

The average life of a flea is six months, yet it can be taught to do all kinds of complicated tricks. Some have been taught to juggle, pull tiny wagons, dance, or even kick a tiny ball.

"Twilight Sleep"

Use of ether had proved so effective in simplifying the work of fin-clipping trout that workers, as an experiment, applied the same practice while stripping eggs from rainbow trout. Almost a million eggs were taken from etherized trout in half the time usually required. In addition, the percentage of "delivered" eggs that "eyed up" nearly doubles.

The spawn-takers, who formerly had to tussle with slippery trout weighing up to 15 pounds, were enthusiastic boosters for "twilight sleep" for the finny expectant mothers.

Catfish Bait

If you're worried about the live bait situation, but are still catfish hungry bend your good ear agin' the wind and listen:

Mix 1 cup flour, 1 cup corn meal and 10 tablespoonsful of thick molasses. Mix into still dough and roll into bait balls. Drop into boiling water. Boil ten minutes. Remove and drop into cold water. This is a sweet-tooth catfish bait and it stays on the hook. Your skillet will smell fishy if you give this bait a good try.

For He Who Kicks

Audley C. Hawkins, of Lincoln, Illinois, was so disgusted when he reeled in a pair of old trousers that he gave the pants a scornful kick. He got a stab in the foot. A ten-inch catfish was inside the pants!

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How T' Catcha Frog

Ever go fishing for frogs? By golly, it's sport—and frog legs in the skillet is your reward. A very small snelled hook, baited with a strip of red cloth or yarn, is a sure-fire frog-getter. Also,

a small wriggly worm or a dragon-fly will work beautifully. Just lower the bait in front of the frog and you'll have quick action. How to get close to him? Well, you've got to have something to worry about, haven't you?

Strong Spider

It takes a 14-ounce pull to open a trap-door spider's door when he's holding it down. If a man were proportionately as strong, he could exert a pull of ten tons.

Seeing the Sights After Dark

When it is necessary to shoot in the dark, wet the top of your rifle barrel and the sights can then be seen more easily due to the moisture reflecting light of the moon and stars.

Camp Kinks

Before you leave camp, pour water on your campfire and cover it with dirt.

Butter, lard and other perishable foods can be kept a long time if sunk in a spring or stream in tightly closed mason jars.

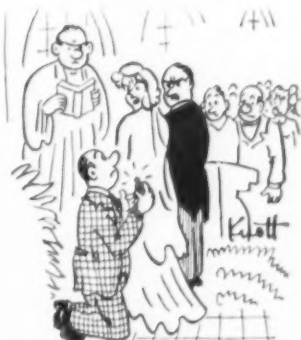
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Short Shorts

Snakes possess so many structural features of birds that many scientists have treated birds and reptiles as a single group—the Sauropsida.

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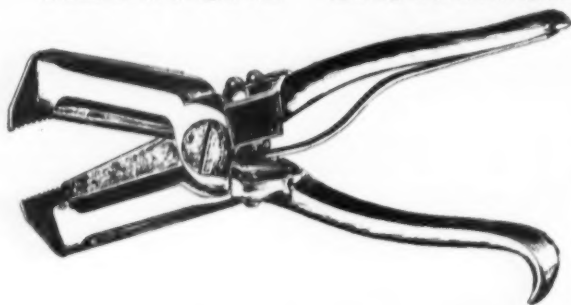
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A defendant was accused of stealing a tool kit.

The man insisted he'd taken the kit for a joke. The judge asked how far he'd carried it.

"Just over to my home—about two blocks."

"Ten days for carrying the joke too far," ordered the judge.

A lady was somewhat put out to find herself at a function sitting at the left of her host instead of the right, the spot to which she thought she was entitled. It was beneath her, of course, to bring the matter up directly but she did turn to the host and remark, "I suppose it isn't always easy for you to put people in their proper places."

"Oh, no trouble, really," smiled the host. "I find those who matter don't mind, those who mind don't matter."

Young husband (at wheel) — Get in, dear. We're fifteen minutes late already.

Wife—Is my hat on straight?

Husband—Of course it is.

Wife—Oh, that's too bad. I'll have to go back into the house and put it on right. It's not supposed to be worn straight.

A banker lost all his money. He took the only job he could find, that of attendant in a gasoline filling station.

A customer stopped in front of a pump and said: "Gimme ten gallons."

"How far are you going?" the ex-banker inquired, eyeing the customer keenly.

The customer looked surprised, but good-naturedly supplied the information.

The former banker shook his head and suggested gravely, "I think you could get along with five."

They had started on a vacation tour. When they were a hundred miles from home, the wife exclaimed:

"Oh, darling, I forgot to turn off the gas in the kitchen stove before we left home."

"Don't worry," he replied calmly. "Nothing will burn: I forgot to turn off the water in the upstairs bathroom."

A stranded English actor went into a sordid eating house in New York for a cheap meal and was horrified to recognize the waiter as a former colleague who had been in a play with him in London.

"Great Scott!" he gasped. "You a waiter in this place!"

The other man replied with dignity, "Yes, but I don't eat here."

"In the old days," Grandpa remembers, "when a young man began sowing wild oats, his father started the threshing machine."

The teacher wrote on the blackboard: "I ain't had no fun all summer." Then she asked a small boy in the front row, "William, what should I do to correct that?"

"Maybe get a boyfriend," he suggested helpfully.

The television repairman was trying to locate the trouble in a friend's set. The six-year-old had watched the whole operation, fascinated. "I'll bet," he said, "if you'd clean out the dead cowboys from the bottom of the set it would work again."

Cowboy (from bunk house): "Please, sir, I think you are wanted on the phone."

Boss: "You think? What makes you say, 'I think?'"

Cowboy: "Well, sir, someone at the other end said: 'Is that you, you old idiot?'"

Josh went to the big city, got a job in a girls' dormitory, and was entrusted with the usual passkey. The following week the dean ran across him and asked: "Why didn't you come around Tuesday for your pay, Josh?"

"Good gosh! Do I get paid wages, too?"

"My little boy ate half a dictionary the other day, and we gave him a whole bottle of castor oil."

"How is he getting along?"

"We haven't had a word out of him all day."

"It's too bad, I hear that Brown has gone to his everlasting rest."

"You don't say? So he finally landed that government job after all."

The beautiful blonde was trying to impress her friend. Blonde: There I was, poor little me, locked in a room with eleven men and each one trying to break down my resistance. But I defied them all, both individually and collectively!

Friend: Heavens dear! Were you kidnapped?

Blonde: Don't be silly. I was doing jury duty last week.

A young man barged into a minister's home, a lovely young lady in tow, and exclaimed, "We want to get married. I beg you to make the ceremony as short as possible. Here are the credentials. They're in order. Those two ladies knitting over there will do as witnesses."

The minister, amused, performed the ritual, pocketed the fee, and then protested, "Remember the old adage about marrying in haste, my children. What's your hurry?"

The young man, already half way to the door, said over his shoulder, "We're double parked."

Fancy horse collars, long out of date, turned out to be "hot" items in one store, after the owner installed mirrors behind them. Framed in the horse collars, the mirrors sold fast for dens and recreation rooms.

In Saudi, Arabia, any driver who has an accident resulting in a death is executed. When they say "The life you save may be your own" in Arabic, they aren't kidding.

The irate prosecutor whirled on the defendant: "Madam," he shouted, trying to prove a vital point, "while you were taking your dog for a walk, did you stop any place?"

The spectators waited tensely for her answer. "Sir," she said quietly, "did you ever take a dog for a walk?"

Livestock

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mark, while most of the good and choice stockers sold from \$16.50 to \$21, with heifer calves changing hands down from \$19.

Lamb Gives Best Performance

Probably the class of livestock receiving the least attention of late and which continues to return the best performance is lambs. The recent demand has been such that prime woolled offerings reached the \$22 mark, the highest point since last October. Plentiful supplies of beef and pork have been offset by the fact that the processors have knowledge of reduced lamb feeding the past season and as a result have greeted this class with a goodly amount of enthusiasm on most occasions. The arrival of the annual spring lambs and the premium prices paid for this class each year is expected to begin shortly and since the general lamb market is in a fairly healthy position, many trade members are of the belief that those who market spring lambs will find prices to their satisfaction.

Hog Performance Crucial

Naturally, the performance of the hog market during coming weeks will determine how well all classes of livestock in general will fare since the expected heavy hog volume during coming weeks will have an effect on other classes. However, there are some in the industry who are of the opinion that some of the expected pressure has been lifted somewhat by heavy hog slaughter during February.

They point out that the big pork production during February could have been made up partly of early marketings of last fall's crop as some hog raisers attempted to move hogs before the expected bulge in last fall's crop. If this is true, some pressure will be taken off the hog market and other classes as well when the big movement gets underway shortly.

Recently the best meat-type butchers sold around the \$13 mark, with most of the butchers weighing 200 to 280 lbs. selling in the \$12 column. Here, too, the live market showed signs of moving ahead at times, but each time was slowed down by the absence of dependable action in the wholesale channels where the best pork loins have been hovering around the \$35 mark after they hit \$43 for a short duration near the outset of February which carried the live product up to the \$15 figure.

W. L. HENNING AT HOUSTON

ANOTHER prominent visitor at the Houston Show was W. L. Henning, Secretary of the American Southdown Breeders Association, State College, Pa. Mr. Henning was very enthusiastic about the high quality of the lamb show and took an active interest in watching all classes judged. He seemed as busy as any of the boys and girls exhibiting lambs and was on the job every minute.

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Kerr County Celebrates One Hundredth Anniversary

CULMINATING months of effort, committees in charge of Kerr County's 100th birthday celebration have prac-

tically completed details of the varied three-day program, April 26, 27 and 28.

Homage will be paid the sturdy pioneers who founded the county in April of 1856, and thousands of visitors are expected.

The program will get under way at 10 A.M. on Thursday, April 26, with a mammoth memorial service at Antler Stadium. The speaker will be Howard E. Butt, Jr., a Kerrville native, executive of a chain food store and prominent layman.

Gov. Allan Shivers has accepted an invitation to address the assembly at a patriotic program scheduled for opening day of the celebration. Another distinguished guest expected to attend the celebration is Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, retired, who was reared in Kerrville and went to the Naval Academy in 1902 after graduating from Tivy High School.

Other events scheduled on the opening day program include: Cutting horse contest and rodeo, Texas A&M Club barbecue, Oscar Fox-John Seagle Concert, Tivy Auditorium; Western dance, Louise Hays Park; opening of art show with Colonial tea, Episcopal Parish House; opening of Pioneer Work Shop, Lions Club carnival, Texas Game and Fish Commission wildlife exhibit. Buffalo-burgers, made the way the Indians used to cook them, will go on sale. The Reynolds Cattle Co. of Kent and Ft. Worth donated the buffalo.

Scheduled for the second day, Friday, April 27, are the following attractions: Tivy High School barbecue and class reunions for the various years, followed by pilgrimage to Tivy Mountain, site of the graves of Capt. Joseph A. Tivy, his wife and his sister, Miss Susan Tivy. Captain Tivy, who was Kerrville's first mayor in 1889, gave a tract of land and funds to establish Kerrville's first permanent school system.

Also opening on the second day will be a flower show at the Kerrville Methodist Assembly; Garden Club pilgrimage to historic places in Kerr County, including old Camp Verde, where the Army's Camel Corps was stationed prior to the Civil War; band festival with more than 20 high school



Early day scene of Kerrville. Wagons bring wool to the Charles Schreiner Company warehouse.

bands participating; Lions Club carnival, Kerr County Livestock Fair opens at pavilion at 8 A.M., exhibit of old and new farm machinery, breeders' show with standard classifications, grass judging contest, square dance, Louise Hays Park; sheep dog exhibition.

The final day's program will begin at 10 A.M. Saturday, April 28, with a parade of old model automobiles dating back more than 50 years; band festival contests at Texas Lions Crippled Children's Camp; sheep shearing contest; concert by University of Texas Symphony Band; colorful Centennial parade at 2:30 P.M.; Mexican fiesta, Louise Hays Park; Century of Progress pageant, Antler Stadium; Lions Club carnival, pioneer work shop, art show, Kerr County Livestock Fair, flower show, Junior Chamber of Commerce dance, Louise Hays Park.

Jack Peterson is general chairman of the Centennial committees. Members of the finance committee are M. G. Morgan, Charles H. Johnson and J. D. Patton.

Divisional chairmen for the three-day program include: Program, Mrs. Felix Real, Jr.; homecoming, Rudolph Weiss; window decorations, Mrs. Jasper Moore; agriculture, Amie Frank Real; band festival, John Armstrong; Centennial parade, R. A. Remschel; fiesta, Mrs. Pete Torres; horseless carriage convention, Winston Gray; patriotic service, Joe Burkett, Jr.; Century of Progress pageant, Mrs. W. A. Salter; memorial service, Dr. J. J. Delaney; Pioneer Work Shop, J. A. Oswalt; Junior Chamber of Commerce dance, Gene Lehmann; Garden and Home pilgrimage, Mrs. Dale Priour; historical tour, Rankin Starkey; flower show and art show, Mrs. James F. Moore; concert, Mrs. J. B. Young; Texas A&M Club barbecue and rodeo, Tom Syfan.

Kerr County was created by an act of the Sixth Texas Legislature out of the Bexar Land District. Gov. Elisha M. Pease signed the bill authorizing the new county on Jan. 26, 1856. The first county officials were elected on March 22, 1856, and the county "went into business" on May 19, 1856, when the first session of the County Commissioners Court was held under a tree at the farm home of G. M. Ridley, near the present town of Center Point. Joshua D. Brown, a shinglemaker from Gonzales, who was the first white settler on the upper

Guadalupe River, gave four acres of land for a public square, a school house, a church and the required streets. The townsite of Kerrville was laid out, and Kerr County was on its way to the forthcoming Centennial celebration.

Kerr County was named for Maj. James Kerr, who was manager of Green DeWitt's Colony at Gonzales and an outstanding figure in the Texas Revolutionary Era. He came from Missouri to Texas in 1825 and is buried on the banks of the Lavaca River in Jackson County.

Kerrville was a typical frontier village until 1887 when Capt. Charles Schreiner and other public-spirited citizens succeeded in having a branch line of the San Antonio & Aransas Pass Railroad built from San Antonio. The city was incorporated in 1889 and on its 100th birthday is the largest trading center in the Hill Country area.

MEXICAN RANCHERS BUY SHEEP

DURING THE San Angelo Fat Stock Show a number of visitors from Mexico viewed the sheep on exhibit. In one group was Lewis Wheelless, El Cortijo, Mexico; Ernesto Breddee, Hacienda Santa Tera, Durango; Domingo Valdez, Hacienda Torreon Canos, Torreon. With them was ranchman Owen Womack of Menard, Texas.

These prominent Mexican ranchmen bought more than 100 Rambouillet rams and a good number of Rambouillet ewes from West Texas ranchmen. They are also planning on returning in the future for other purchases. The Mexico ranch people are quite optimistic about the future of their industry and predict closer ties between Texas and Mexico ranch people in the future.

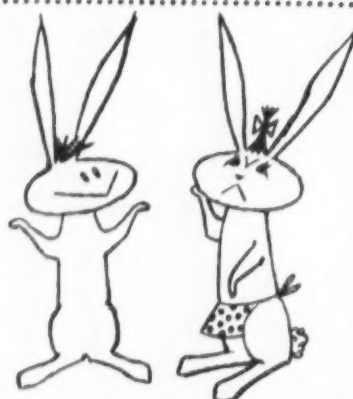
COLUMBIA ANNUAL MEETING

THE 1956 Annual Meeting of the Columbia Sheep Breeders Association of America will be held at the U. S. Sheep Experiment Station, Dubois, Idaho, May 18 and 19.

Director Nordby of the Station has called a committee meeting for the week of March 19 to outline a program. The committee: Dr. J. E. Nordby, Cy Young, Art Sutter, and Secretary Alma Esplin.

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Aerial Application of Chemical Will Control Mesquite and Oak

RESEARCH AND practical on the ranch use of chemicals for controlling mesquite, post and blackjack oaks have proved the value of this practice. A. H. Walker, extension range specialist, says the job can be done more cheaply because less chemicals are needed for the aerial spraying job. Too, in many counties ASC will share the cost with the producer.

The specialist lists five points which make for a successful control job. Use the proper chemical at the right time and amount. Secure qualified personnel with experience to do the flying job. Use chemicals with caution. They are non-poisonous but drift can cause damage to susceptible crops. Rest the treated area after spraying and do not expect a miracle. This is a control program, points out Walker, and retreatment may be required but it will pay dividends if properly done.

He recommends that mesquite be sprayed 50-80 days after the first leaves appear. By this time they

should be a dark green color. Apply a third of a pound of low volatile ester of 2,4,5-T or silvex with a half gallon of diesel oil and enough water to make three gallons of spray solution per acre. This can be applied in 60-foot swaths and should cost about \$2.30 an acre, a fourth less than last year. A root kill of from 25 to 35 percent may be expected, says Walker and retreatment should be done in from five to seven years.

For post and blackjack oaks, he says to spray after the leaves have fully developed, usually from mid-May through June. Use one and a half pounds of 2,4,5-T or one and a quarter pounds of silvex per acre in the 3.1 water oil emulsion given for mesquites. Two sprayings in consecutive years or skipping a year is advisable on oak. Under favorable conditions a single application may be 85 percent effective. The cost should run about \$11.50 an acre for the two treatments. The second application should be either one pound of 2,4,5-T or three-fourths pound of silvex an acre.

Goats can be used profitably in controlling underbrush on sprayed oak areas. They will lengthen the control period and often make a good return.

The Witting Wool & Mohair Company opened for business in Uvalde, February 18. Associated with Gus Witting are Luke Hagood and Winslow Murr. The company will handle

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Wardlaw and Belcher Buy Shirley Livestock Commission Company

By TED GOULDY

IN 1955 the Shirley Livestock Commission Company of Fort Worth handled more sheep than any other, and handled better than 20% of the salable receipts in selling more than 201,000 head. The firm also ranked well up in the numbers of hogs and cattle sold.

Early this year the owner and founder of the firm, Clint Shirley, passed away and since that time there has been considerable conjecture as to what would be done about either operating it or its sale.

Effective the 15th of March, Louis Wardlaw and Dr. W. A. (Alvis) Belcher bought the firm from Mrs. Shirley.



LOUIS WARDLAW
Fort Worth

Mrs. Shirley in announcing the sale said, "Clint built the strongest and most capable livestock sales service possible, and I would have closed it up before I would have agreed to anything else. After Clint passed away Mr. Wardlaw and Dr. Belcher were introduced to me by a mutual friend. In a series of talks with them I decided that on the basis of their highly successful work in livestock marketing and livestock production and because of their general sharing of the views of Clint and myself as to the unselfish service to which the shipper is entitled, that they were best able to carry on in the tradition Clint established."

"I wanted to hire them, and would have considered them as partners, but I can appreciate their desire to be in business for themselves. That was the way we always felt about it, too. So I am relinquishing the ownership of the firm to them secure in the knowledge that people who consign their livestock to Shirley Livestock Commission Company in the future will be in able and honest hands."

Louis Wardlaw has been with a livestock marketing agency four years and had a large part in the successful year in 1955 that firm enjoyed in its sheep business. He is well and favorably known throughout the sheep country.

Prior to his work in San Antonio he had ranching and served in the army following graduation from college. His wife and two children will move with him to Fort Worth. The Wardlaw family for generations has been active in ranching operations in Texas.

Dr. Belcher resides at Del Rio and Brackettville. A veterinarian, he also operates his ranching interests near Brackettville and runs cows and sheep. He will maintain his present residence where he lives with his wife and two children and will be active in the territory representing the company. He is a director of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association.

Wardlaw and Belcher see eye to eye in the way they think a livestock commission firm should be run. They want men with the company who are active, vigorous and who know their business. They place the highest value on the honesty and honorable reputation of every man they have with them.

Tom Davis will remain with the firm in the sheep division. Davis is a young man who was extremely highly regarded by Clint Shirley and he has developed very rapidly into a top flight salesman. Ted Gouldy, manager of the Fort Worth Livestock Market Institute, reports "In my opinion Tom Davis is one of the outstanding young men to come to our market at Fort Worth in a long time. He was brought along very fast because of Clint's illness, but he has every natural qualification and he has kept his head in the face of brutal competition. The job of commissionman is highly competitive since he has to contend with buyers, and defend against his competitors. Best indicator on Tom has been that a dozen people have been trying to hire him, including commission firms and packers."

Another step in the Wardlaw and Belcher program of "accent on experienced youth" is the naming of Dave Shepherd head of the cattle division. Shepherd has had more than ten years experience with a market agency on a major terminal market.

Shepherd comes by his ability to judge and evaluate livestock by heredity.



DR. ALVIS BELCHER
Brackettville

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Conservation-Wise

By BILL ALLRED
Soil Conservation Service

MOST OF THE human body is water which is next to air in importance for body maintenance.

According to a report by the U. S. Presidential Advisory Committee on Water Resources Policy, the physical scope of the water problems in the United States is complicated and little understood. The average citizen, or at least town and city dweller, takes for granted an ever-ready supply of pure water. He draws upon it at will for numerous household purposes with little thought of where it comes from or how many gallons he uses each day. He would no doubt be surprised to learn that for each member of his family more than 145 gallons per day are provided by the public water supply and that his per capita share of total national use, including industrial and agricultural use, amounts to 1,200 gallons per day.

The report points out that an estimated total of 200,000 million gallons of water are used each day on the farms and in the homes, factories, and business houses of the country. While it is recognized that relatively little water is actually consumed, the supply must be available when and where needed. Some of the reasons behind such great demand are seen when it is realized, for example, that 65,000 gallons of water are required for the production of one ton of finished steel, 50,000 gallons of water for a ton of paper, and six gallons of water for one gallon of gasoline.

In spite of the staggering amounts of present use, the estimates of future needs are even greater. The demand for water increases in proportion to the increase in population and expansion of industrialization. It is estimated that the nation's population, which has increased from 75 million in 1900 to more than 165 million today, will reach at least 200 million by 1975, and that industrial production, which has increased eight-fold since 1900, will again almost double by 1975. New uses, such as air-conditioning, will increase water consumption in the homes and commercial establishments to an estimated per capita consumption of 175 gallons per day from public water supply. More water will also be used by industry as

new processes are developed. Also, supplemental irrigation use in the normally humid part of the country now amounts to over 2 million acres, an increase of 300 per cent since 1940.

At the same time, with major popu-

lation shifts from country to urban centers, with extraordinary industrial growth (a 700-percent increase since 1900), and with an increase in volume, variety, and complexity of industrial wastes, the problems of water pollution have become increasingly complicated. Today only about 50 percent of the municipal pollution and about 50 percent of the organic load in industrial wastes is removed before discharge into streams. Pollution does not decrease the total amount of water in streams, but it makes the water unusable for many purposes downstream without expensive treatment according to the committee.

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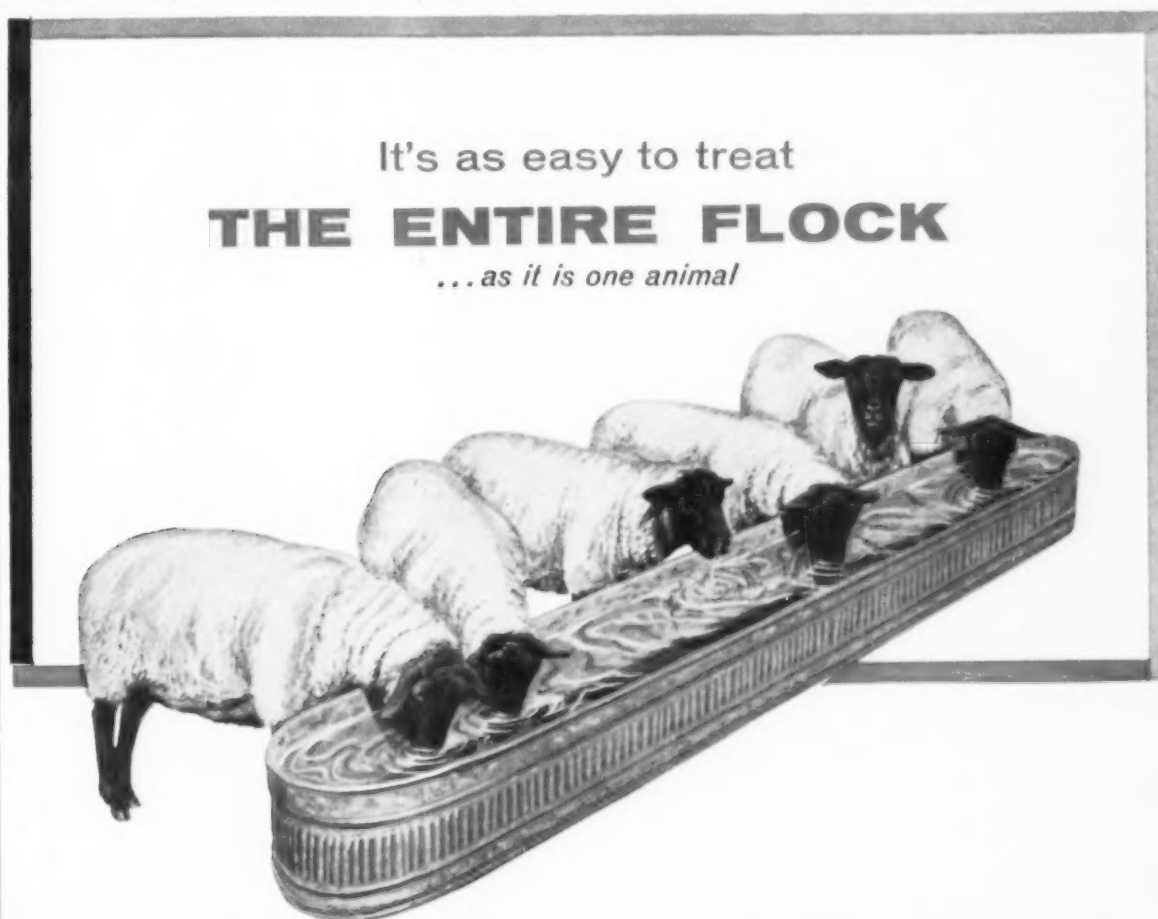
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Plans Laid for Fourth Annual Horse Show at San Angelo

THE TOM Green County Sheriff's Posse Horse Show will be held for the fourth consecutive year in San Angelo on May 5. The three previous years have indicated how popular this event is through the large crowds of enthusiastic horse lovers from all over the western part of the state. Some declare that it ranks as one of the finest horse shows in the nation. This year the event will be held under the supervision of Hollis Leddy as manager and Gilbert Sanders as secretary, and as in previous years will be held at the San Angelo Fair Grounds north of the city.

Inasmuch as the San Angelo Board of City Development has rented much of the stock space to turkey raisers and for car storage, which space is usually available for use as horse stalls, there will be available only about 25 stalls for which there will be a \$5 stall fee—first come, first served—with out of town horse owners given preference. It is urged that reservations be made as early as possible for the stalls and for the pens as well. There will be some 25 pens available at \$2.50 each.

The event will feature Quarter Horses, Palominos, Kid Ponies, Palmetto Polo, barrel races and other events. One of the new classes will be the kid pony division for ponies 48 inches or under and for ponies 48 inches to 54 inches. They will be shown at halter.

In the performance classes for children there will be a junior division through ten years of age to show horses at walk, trot and canter; another—the senior division for children 11 to 14 years of age for similar showing of the horses and in addition reining them in figure eights.

There will be no entry fee.

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All entries should be in secretary's office by May 3. Entries close when show starts. Entry fees will accompany entries.
2. Entry fees are \$5.00 for Quarter Horses and Palominos, \$2.00 for Kid Ponies. Any horse entered in more than one halter class will pay an additional \$5.00. Trophy and five ribbons given in each class.
3. Performance Classes Reining \$10.00 entry fee, all other classes \$5.00. Trophy and five ribbons furnished by horse show. 80% entrance fees divided 50-30-20 to exhibitors—20% entrance fees retained by horse show.
4. Reservation. The executive committee reserves the right to refuse entries; accept entries conditionally; consolidate and to cancel classes in which there are not sufficient entries; change stall arrangements and make necessary refunds; without claim for damages.
5. Judges. Competent and qualified judges for all divisions will be selected by the superintendents of the show.
6. Age. The age of a horse will be computed from the first of January of the year foaled.
7. Care of animals. All horses will be under care and supervision of their owners. Exhibitors are required to keep stalls clean and neat and refuse matter disposed of as the management may direct.
8. Due notice will be served on all exhibitors as to time classes will be called and all horses be ready and waiting so that they may enter the ring promptly when called.
9. All reining classes will follow pattern set by judge.
10. When exhibitor signs entry application the Tom Green County Sheriff's Posse Horse Show Committee are automatically released from any responsibility in case of accidents or damages of any description.
11. Horses must be entered in Halter Classes to show in performance.

QUARTER HORSE DIVISION

Superintendent, J. W. Field

1. The quarter horse show is subject to the rules and regulations of the American Quarter Horse Association under the direct supervision of the Tom Green County Sheriff's Posse Horse Show Committee.
2. Judging will begin promptly at 10 A.M. May 5th.

Halter Classes

1. Mares foaled in 1955.
2. Mares foaled in 1954.
3. Mares foaled in 1953.
4. Mares foaled in 1952 or before.
5. Champion and reserve champion mare, Rosettes and AQHA Trophy.
6. Studs foaled in 1955.
7. Studs foaled in 1954.
8. Studs foaled in 1953.
9. Studs foaled in 1952 or before.
10. Champion and reserve champion stud, Rosettes and AQHA Trophy.
11. Gelding—any age.

Performance Classes

12. Junior Reining—Horses foaled 1952 or later.
13. Senior Reining—Horses foaled 1952 or before.
14. Championship Registered Reining Class, for 1st, 2nd and 3rd winner in classes 12 and 13.
15. Opening Reining Class, for horses any age or breed, registered or unregistered.

PALOMINO DIVISION

Superintendent, Bobby Bond

1. The Palomino horse show is subject to the rules and regulations of the Texas Palomino Exhibitors Association, Inc., under the direct supervision of the Tom Green County Sheriff's Posse Horse Show Committee.
2. Judging will begin promptly at 10:00 A.M., May 5th.

Halter Classes

1. Stallion, any age.
2. Champion and reserve champion stud.
3. Mare, any age.
4. Champion and reserve champion mare.
5. Gelding, any age.
6. Pleasure Type Horses.
7. Stallion, any age.
8. Champion and reserve champion stallion.
9. Mare, any age.
10. Champion and reserve champion mare.
11. Gelding, any age.
12. 1955 Colt class.

Performance Classes

13. Reining class, Stallion, Mare, Gelding, any age.
14. Stock Horse Ranch Riding Class.
15. Pleasure Type Class, Plain Working Western, Walk, trot, canter.
16. Pleasure Type Ladies' Class.
17. Western Pair Class, any Palominos entered in show.

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Commission Co.

(Continued from page 40)

ity as well as by experience, since his father has been a buyer for Swift & Company at Fort Worth and San Antonio for many years and heads up that company's San Antonio cattle buying operation.

The new owners announced at Fort Worth that there will be no other major changes in the staff of the company and that company policy will be unchanged.

Phil Quinlivan will continue as office manager, assisted by Marvin Bowden and Daisy Burks. Hutton Cox will remain in the sheep yards and veterans Bill Beam and Bill Carroll will carry on in the cattle division.

Rufus Welch will head up the hog sales department in the future as he has for many years.

"We have always admired the operation of the business by Clint Shirley. His unselfishness and tireless efforts on behalf of the shippers have made him nationally famous and endeared him to Southwestern stockmen. If we had been unsuccessful in buying the firm, we would have gone into the business some other way. But, we would have used Shirley's service as a model. We feel that the livestock men and women appreciate a commission firm that really works for them and their product all day every day. We have tried to do that in the past and in the future it will be that way. We will not tolerate any employee who does not do his best, is not scrupulously honest and the quickest way for one to get fired will be to do anything that might damage his ability to serve our shippers. Trading, speculating, etc., will bring immediate dismissal," Wardlaw said.

The Ranchers' Feed Yards of Fort Stockton is reported to have received 20c a pound for 273 blackface milk lambs off the Hoefs farm. The Harvey Martin Feed Yards of San Angelo bought them.

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Smooth, Open-Faced Sheep Offer More Meat and Better Wool

BETTER production efficiency and higher returns are in prospect for western sheep ranchers, the U. S. Department of Agriculture reports, if breeding of open-faced, non-wrinkled sheep—progressing well in USDA experimental flocks—can be fully adopted by commercial breeders.

Researchers at the Department's Sheep Experiment Station, Dubois, Idaho, working in cooperation with

the Idaho Agricultural Experiment Station, have successfully selected fine-wool Rambouillet rams and ewes for smoothness of skin and freedom from wool blindness. Progress in improving the smooth body and open-faced characteristics in new lines has been encouraging. So far, the scientists say, they have gone about 90 percent of the way in removing skin folds and wrinkles from the Dubois

Rambouillets and 50 percent of the way in eliminating wool-blindness.

In several years of comparison trials at Dubois, open-faced sheep have proved better meat producers than wool-blind ewes of the same breed kept in the same flocks. Smooth skinned sheep also offer advantages. They are easier to shear and produce longer-staple (higher value) wool than wrinkled animals. Open-faced, smooth lambs are preferred by feeders, and packers often pay less for wrinkled lambs because of their heavy pelts.

Wrinkled sheep, which have a larger wool-producing skin area, are not discriminated against to the same extent in Australia, where growers are interested in high wool yields rather than meat production. Sheep that are wool-blind also yield slightly more fiber (worth an added 10 cents or so per fleece), but such animals are less desirable to range growers in the United States, where meat production is the major objective.

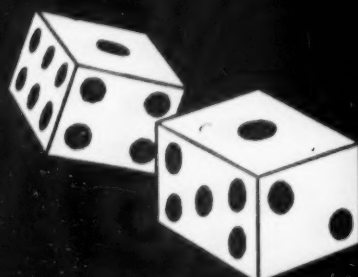
The skin of wrinkled sheep is easily damaged in shearing. Skin cuts may become infected, and in southern areas such wounds are subject to screwworm infestation. Sheep with skin folds are also more subject to fly strike.

Wool-blind sheep may have difficulty in finding all the feed they need on western ranges, where grass is sometimes scarce. They usually produce fewer lambs per ewe, weighing less at weaning, than open-faced sheep. Production of open-faced ewes at Dubois has averaged about 75 pounds of lambs per year—11 pounds more, liveweight, than wool-blind ewes.

Sheepmen in the western range area generally figure that it takes the first 50 pounds of lamb a ewe produces to pay production costs. Since a wool-blind ewe, on the average, weans only about 64 pounds of lamb, the grower's net return is 14 pounds. Open-faced ewes, weaning an average of 11 additional pounds of lamb, yield a net return to the grower of 25 pounds, fully 78 percent more than wool-blind ewes.

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Texas Delaine News

By MRS. G. A. GLIMP

THE MAJOR stock shows are now behind us, but there is always the summary of what was there, how it compared in quantity and quality with other years, and interest shown by breeders, both adult and Juniors. Everyone is in agreement that the Junior Delaine shows this year have far surpassed their expectations, and we hope more will be participating next year.

Dr. T. D. Watkins judged both open and Junior shows in Houston. A. C. Lindeman is to be complimented for the very fine record he made with his choice Delaines, and this was continued by copping both champions in the open show there.

The Delaine Association presented a rotating trophy for the premier exhibitor of the Junior show. Hudson Glimp had Champion Ewe and Ram and Reserve Ewe. Donald Bradford the Reserve Ram. Hudson was winner of the trophy with Donald a very close competitor. Thornton Secor was third in points. This was the largest show for Houston since adding this Junior Division.

Ray Shaver judged the Junior show in Austin. Mr. Shaver is County Agent in New Braunfels and is keenly interested in the sheep breeding program. This was a first time for Mr. Shaver to serve as a judge for the major show. He is to be commended for his work.

The Delaine Association and Mr. L. J. Luedecke awarded a trophy for the premier exhibitor of this show. Ola Mae Itz had the Champion Ewe, Hudson Glimp the reserve. Hudson had the Champion Ram and Thornton Secor the reserve. Hudson won the trophy with the most points. Thornton Secor was second and Ola Mae third. Ola Mae won the Fine Wool Trophy presented each year by L. J. Luedecke for the exhibitor of the Champion Fine Wool Ewe. This is a very coveted award, and Ola Mae is to be congratulated for this honor.

In the open show, Dr. Watkins again served as judge. Once more, Mr. Lindeman copped both champion honors. This makes Mr. Lindeman having exhibited a champion at all the major shows he attended. He, too, can be congratulated for his achievement of success.

Harold Bragg, graduate of A&M and long a breeder of registered Delaines, served as judge for the Junior Show in San Angelo. He is a very thorough, conscientious person, and has long been recognized as one of the best feeders and fitters in the show circuit. He did a splendid job of judging and praised the Delaines on exhibit very highly. He was somewhat perplexed over the results to see both Champion and Reserve were shown by girls. Lynn Kirby of Evant had both champion and reserve rams, while Anna Rose Glasscock of Sonora the champion and reserve ewes. These girls have done a remarkable job showing this year. This is a repeat performance for Lynn, as she was bestowed the same honors in Fort

Worth. Lynn was also the premier exhibitor of San Angelo and won the trophy presented by the Delaine Association. Anna Rose is completing her first show year, and she has done remarkably well. We feel sure she will be around next year and might be higher than second as premier exhibitor.

We are happy to have F. M. Burgess of Fredericksburg as a new member. He made his purchase of foundation stock from Frank Kroll, Harper. We feel sure this will prove a most successful venture for him.

Harold Walker, vocational instructor in Hico, is to be commended for the wonderful work he is doing there. At their recent show, Y. B. Johnson of Kerrville served as judge. He was commenting on how the show had grown, and too, how much better the quantity was since he judged two years ago. This year found approximately 115 sheep up for judging. Mr. Walker stated he was trying to make the public conscious of a better breeding program in sheep, and the evidence was there that his work is definitely progressing.

A number of requests are coming in for ewes and ewe lambs. Would you please let me know if you have any for sale.

The Southwest Delaine Breeders will hold their first annual sale in Hamilton on April 25. This would be a good place to purchase some fine stud rams, as some very choice animals are being consigned. Keep this date in mind and attend.

WILLOUGHBY RANCH SELLS

SALE OF the Ray Willoughby ranch in Schleicher County was announced early in March. The ranch, sometimes called the Ray Willoughby home ranch, has been operated by Sam McGinnes, foreman, for the past 20 years and consists of slightly more than 5,000 acres. The buyer was R. J. Johnson of San Angelo and the consideration was said to be \$50 an acre, plus real estate commission. Possession is to be given April 15 and no livestock was included in the deal.

Mr. Willoughby, who has been ill recently, is past president of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association, the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers' Association and the National Wool Growers Association (the only ranchman ever to hold such triple honors).

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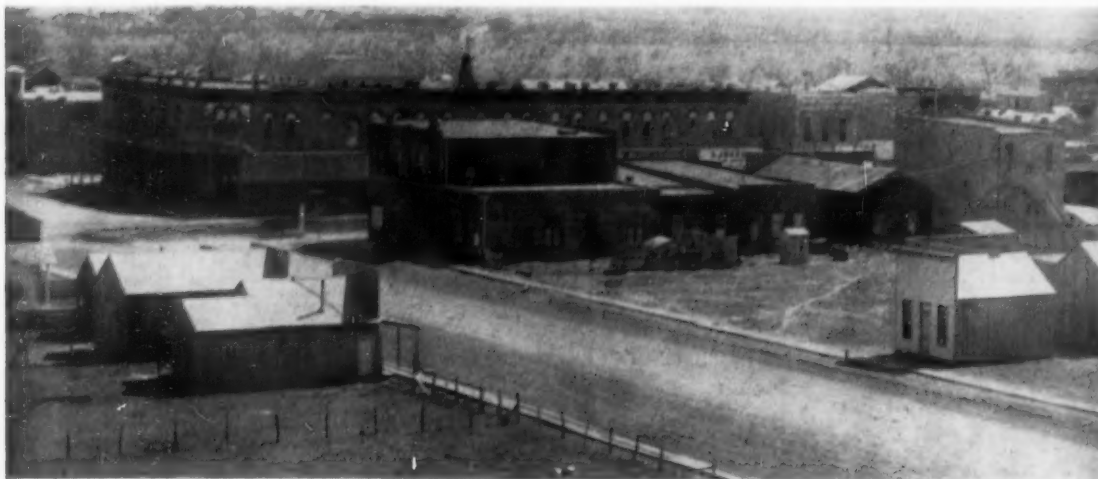
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Will C. Jones was a director when this picture was taken of the old San Angelo Hotel block in early 1904; he is a valued director of this bank today. He is one of the men who has helped guide this bank through booms and depressions, droughts and floods — good times and bad.

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Field Day Held At Pierce Ranch

A REMARKABLY interesting and instructive field day for those interested in sheep was held on March 17 on the Altuda Ranch of Miles Pierce. The event was primarily sheep judging contests for the Sul Ross State College Animal Husbandry students under A. J. Bierschwale.

It is estimated that more than two score students, ranchmen and visitors participated in the open judging contest consisting of about ten classes of four sheep each. Placing was according to quality of the sheep shown with one event that of estimating fleece weight, weight of animals, spinning count and shrinkage.

Mr. Pierce offered the winners in the student judging \$100 in prizes and the results were as follows: O. B. Finley of Pecos was first with 490 points out of a possible 540; Wilbur McBryde, Kerrville, second; Buck McGonagill, Artesia, New Mexico, third; M. R. Gonzales, Fort Stockton, fourth, and Mike Cronan, fifth.

In the non-student judging Joe F. Lane of Alpine topped even the students with 492 points. Hayden Haby, Fort Davis V. A. teacher, and Frank Newsom, Alpine County Agent, tied for second; Tommy Allen, Alpine V. A. Teacher, fourth, and Pete Jacoby, Ozona County Agent, fifth.

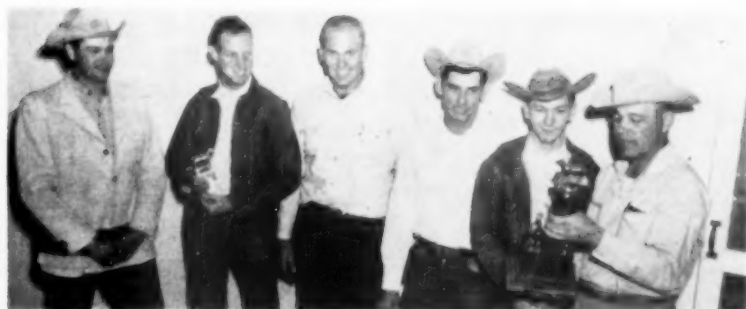
SPECIAL HEREFORD STOCKER-FEEDER SHOW ANNOUNCED

R. BEAL PUMPHREY, Assistant to the President of the Union Stock Yards of San Antonio, has released information concerning a special Hereford Stocker-Feeder show and market sale which will be held at the Union Stock Yards, San Antonio, Thursday, April 26. This sale is sponsored by the Texas Hereford Association in cooperation with the commission firms operating on the San Antonio yards and the Union Stock Yards Company.

Inasmuch as this is a new event for the Union Stock Yards, its commission firms and the Hereford breeders in the area, a good attendance and fine sale is expected. Mr. Pumphrey declares this is a long needed event for the area and urges all breeders and buyers to attend.

CANADIANS VISIT HOUSTON SHOW

MR. AND MRS. David E. McEwen of Byron, Ontario, Canada, were among the numerous visitors from a distance that attended the Houston Fat Lamb Show. Their Alloway Lodge flock of Southdowns are known wherever good Southdowns are raised. Many Southdowns in both Texas and Oklahoma carry Alloway Lodge bloodlines. Both David and Mrs. McEwen seemed to enjoy the show immensely and made many new friends in the sheep barn. They left immediately after the Junior Lamb Show was over for their lambing was about to start at home and they were anxious to be there when it started.

**WINNERS!**

The sheep judging contest on the Miles Pierce ranch was won by non-student Joe Lane (left). In the picture next is O. B. Finley, Wilbur McBride, Buck McGonagill and Mike Cronan who was fifth. M. R. Gonzales, not shown, was fourth. Miles Pierce holds trophy.

**FIELD DAY**

Miles Pierce, center, explains the fine points of a group of top ewes. It was a beautiful day for such an event, complete with barbecue.

PIERCE SELLS FINE RAMS

Miles Pierce, Alpine, second from left, recently sold two fine stud rams. The ram on the left was sold for \$500 to T. A. Kincaid, Jr., Ozona, and the ram on the right to J. W. Carruthers, Jr. and Sons of Sanderson and Carta Valley for \$850. Pinky is holding the ram and Walt is behind it. Miles Pierce in center.

**NATIONAL LIVESTOCK COMMISSION CO. SELLS**

SALE OF one of the oldest livestock commission companies on the Fort Worth market was announced recently by Jim Young, Jr. The buyers were Ben Lotspeich and Claude Merrett. Mr. Lotspeich has been in charge of the cattle department of the organization for the past 17 years and has been on the yards nearly a quarter of a century.

The personnel of the organization will be the same, all of which are veterans at their jobs and widely known in the southwest. It consists of an office force of Bessie Dance, Ruth Thomas and Frank Morris.

The sheep division is headed by Everett Cooper, who is quite popular among the ranch people, and his assistants, Dan Dagley and Vic York. The cattle department is headed by Lotspeich and includes Pleas Ryan, Bill Few, Frank Quirk and Ed Weaver. George Jones is head of the hog division.

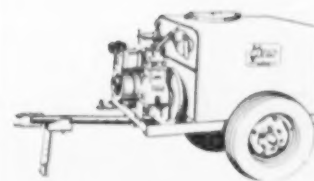
The National, a pioneer organization on the stockyards, is one of the most popular commission firms in the southwest.

EOLA TOP JUDGING TEAM

THE FFA judging team of Eola, Texas, won top placings in the stock judging contest at the San Angelo Fat Stock Show, winning out over 58 teams consisting of 232 FFA and 4-H Club students.

The Eola team placed first in cattle judging and tied for second in sheep judging. It had the best over-all score. The Odessa FFA was second; Iraan FFA, third; Ballinger FFA, fourth, and Alpine FFA, fifth.

Calvin Rozzle, Eola, was the high point individual of the contest with Harvey Williams, Eola, second; Grider Hays, Ballinger, third; Rex Bradford, Sweetwater, fourth; Alpine FFA tied Eola in sheep judging. Billie Roberts of Marfa was top individual in sheep judging, with Gary McLaurin, Reeves County 4-H, and Louis Elliott, Iraan FFA, tied for second.



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In Memoriam

W. E. MANSFIELD

WILLIAM EDWARD MANSFIELD, President of the Bandera Ranchmen and Farmers Association, died March 9, 1956. Born in Bandera in 1875, Mr. Mansfield was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Mansfield, pioneer residents of the Bandera community.

He was the first and only president of the Bandera Ranchmen and Farmers Association which was organized in 1920. He owned the Mansfield

Park, a world famous rodeo and entertainment center.

Surviving are his wife, five sons, Homer of Junction; Frank and Bruce of Bandera; Hayden of Cap Rock, New Mexico; Bill of Medina; four daughters: Mrs. Earl Davenport and Mrs. Jack Vanderveer of Bandera; Mrs. Morris Witt of Foreman, Arkansas; and Mrs. C. M. Mayfield of Amarillo; 13 grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and one brother, John Mansfield of California.

ROBERT L. STANSBERRY

ROBERT L. STANSBERRY, 90, died February 15 in Wilcox, Arizona, where he had been visiting relatives. Born near Rome, Georgia, in 1865, Mr. Stansberry came to Texas with his mother when a young man. His father, James Stansberry, was killed in the Civil War. Robert Stansberry filed on a claim in Oklahoma at the time of the Oklahoma claim race. He later bought a ranch near Christoval which he owned until his death. In 1890 he married Elizabeth Cornett in Oklahoma, who survives him. He was well known for his ranching activities, having run thousands of head of sheep, goats and Hereford cattle on his 17-section ranch. He was deputy sheriff of Hutchinson County 1915-16.

Other survivors are five sons, John Stansberry of Eden; Robert R. Stansberry of Lordsburg, New Mexico; Alfred Stansberry of Wilcox, Arizona; M. K. Stansberry of Benson, Arizona; and Morris Stansberry of Christoval; also four daughters, Mrs. Joe Maybon, Eden; Mrs. J. W. Clay, Lovington, New Mexico; Mrs. Boswell Jenkins, Silver Springs, New Mexico; and Mrs. T. C. Creighton, Bowie, Arizona.

W. L. STONE

FUNERAL RITES were held for William L. Stone, 95, in Kerrville, March 18. A native of Trinity County, Mr. Stone moved to Blanco County while a young man. He married Miss Callie Donna Schockley and the couple, with two small children, moved to Kerrville in 1890. He purchased a ranch in the Goat Creek Community where he raised hogs a number of years. He also freighted, hauling ammunition and supplies to Fort Concho, Fort Terrett and other outposts.

Surviving are five children, Austin Stone and Mrs. A. M. North, Kerrville; W. H. Stone, Hargerville, Arkansas; Mrs. Dave Curlee, Edna, and Mrs. Florence Woodress, Wichita Falls, 27 grandchildren, 40 great-grandchildren and 22 great-great-grandchildren.

MRS. FRITZ LUCKENBACH

MRS. FRITZ LUCKENBACH, Sr., 88, died March 21 at a Brady rest home where she had lived the past several years. Mrs. Luckenbach, nee Anna Nauwald, was born in San Antonio in 1868. In 1888 she married Mr. Luckenbach, who died in 1952. The Luckenbachs moved to Menard about 68 years ago. They accumulated considerable farm and ranch property in the Menard vicinity.

Surviving are a son, Fritz Luckenbach, Jr., Menard; four daughters, Mrs. Henry Reeve, Mrs. Wilks Kothmann, Mrs. Hugh Spiller, and Mrs. R. Q. Landers, all of Menard. Three sisters also survive.

GEORGE E. ATKINS

GEORGE EDWIN ATKINS, 55, Fort Stockton ranchman, died at Memorial Hospital in Fort Stockton, March 6, after an extended illness.

Born at Knickerbocker in 1900, Mr. Atkins had ranched near Ozona and Rankin the major portion of his life. He moved to Fort Stockton from Rankin in 1939. He helped organize the Ranchers Wool and Mohair Association at Rankin and Fort Stockton and was a director of the Association a number of years. He was a former director of the Texas Production Credit Association, San Angelo, and was a member of the Pecos County AAA committee during World War II.

Mr. Atkins and Miss Rose Burton were married in Ozona in 1929. Mrs. Atkins survives. Other survivors are three sons, Arthur Clinton, Midland; Burton Edwin and George Edwin, Jr., Ft. Stockton; two grandsons; his mother, Mrs. Pearl Atkins, Christoval; two brothers, Blake Atkins, Carlsbad, New Mexico; and Ted Atkins, Three Rivers; six sisters: Mrs. Raymond Lindsay, Monahans; Mrs. Tim Luth, El Paso; Mrs. Glenn Ray and Mrs. Ray Eisenbach, San Angelo; Mrs. L. A. Muston, Abilene, and Mrs. John Lee Mason, Silver.

SALES DATES

Southwestern Registered Delaine Sheep Breeders Assn. Sale, Hamilton, April 25
Purebred Sheep Breeders Association Sale, Brownwood, April 26
Pat Rose, Jr., Rambouillet Sheep Sale, Brackettville, May 19
Wittenburg Debouillet Sale, Menard, June 8
Amie Frank Real Lamb Sale, Kerrville, June 9
American Rambouillet Sheep Breeders Association Sale, San Angelo, June 16
Jack Richardson Angora Goat Sale, Uvalde, July 27
Texas Angora Goat Raisers Association Show and Sale, Kerrville, August 2-4

Educational demonstrations such as the wool improvement and handling program sponsored by the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association numbered over 4200 in 1955 and were in the main supervised by County Agents. Some 1,200 meetings and 165 field days indicate the interest of ranchmen in learning more about their business. Extension Service officials believe that such work added \$3 million in income to ranchmen.

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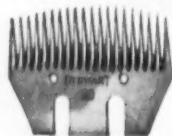


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SHEEP SATURDAY

What's New

C. J. MARTIN AND SONS, Austin, well known manufacturers of veterinary supplies the past 72 years, announce four new products for ranch and home. Their research laboratory has recently announced the formulation of a new screw worm control called MAR-DANE 1883, to quickly kill worms, promote healing and give adequate adherence to the wound for one week or longer to permit healing without reinfestation.

Another product is ANT STOP, to rid the home of sweet or grease-eating ants. The mixture contains honey and thallium sulfate, which has proved to be an efficient ant killer.

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MOHAIR PRODUCTION INCREASES

MOHAIR production in the seven leading States in 1955 is estimated at 16,923,000 pounds, according to the Crop Reporting Board. The 1955 clip is 16 percent larger than the 14,578,000 pounds produced in 1954 and 10 percent larger than the average of 15,413,000 pounds. Texas showed an increase in production of 17 percent from 1954. The increase in Texas resulted from clipping a much larger number of goats and also a slightly larger average weight per goat clipped. In Arizona, the only other State showing an increase, both the number clipped and the average weight per goat clipped were above 1954. In Utah and California, the number of goats clipped was smaller than a year ago but the average weight per clip was larger. In Oregon and Missouri, both the number clipped and the average weight per clip were below a year earlier. Production was about the same in New Mexico. Goats clipped in 1955 totaled 2,983,000 head, up 14 percent or 365,000 head more than 1954. The average weight of hair per goat and kid clipped was 5.7 pounds, one-tenth of a pound more than the previous year. The 10-year average was 5.2 pounds.

It is reported that Ed Mayfield and Son, Sutton County ranch people, received recently \$14.50 for approximately 2500 shorn muttons weighing around 75 pounds from the Shirley Livestock Commission Company, Fort Worth.

It is estimated that a quarter million pounds of wool sold at Roswell Wool and Mohair Company in late March at prices ranging from 35c to 40 1/4 grease pound.

Another sale at 49 3/4c to 50 3/4c was also reported.



H. V. (BUZZIE) STOKES
Black glasses and all—Buzzie of Uvalde, feed man and seed man, is in business at Brady now with the purchase of the Brady Mills. See story in this issue.

MORE FLEECE PER SHEEP

IN 1955 the average weight of fleece per sheep and lamb shown was 8.54 pounds. This is the highest of record and compares with 8.52 pounds in 1954 and the 10-year average of 8.12. The total number of sheep and lambs shorn last year was 27.3 million head, a decrease of 1 percent from 1954. Total wool production in the U. S. in 1955, shorn and pulled, was 275 million pounds, down 2 percent from 1954 production. Average annual production of all wool in this country from 1944-53 was 301 million pounds.

Little contracting of mohair was reported in Texas during March and the market was not tested enough to establish a quotation. This was also true of wool.

NOTICE! AUCTION SALE DATE CHANGE EACH SATURDAY AT 11:00 A. M.

The date for the sale has been changed to Saturday, one day only, until further notice!

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E. M. Peters, veteran ranchman of Kerr County, declared recently in a predatory animal control committee meeting of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association that "Unless coons, fox, ring-tails, etc., are controlled in Kerr County we will be out of the wild turkey business in five years." All of the ranchmen familiar with the problem declared that something must be done to control the predators.

Paul Turney of Sutton County reports the sale of about 340 yearling mutton goats, shorn, at \$8.00 each to Sloan Pool of San Saba County.

DIRECTORS MAKE PLANS FOR ANGORA GOAT SALE

DIRECTORS of the Texas Angora Goat Raisers Association, in a meeting March 30 at Junction, made preliminary plans for their August sale at Kerrville. The directors, 21 out of 27 being present, decided to establish a new award in the 1956 show. This will be a \$200 award for the champion sales buck, a decision which will, without doubt, create considerable interest among the registered breeders and assure the buyers of being able to bid on top quality bucks. The directors also approved the agreement between the Texas Angora Goat Raisers Association and the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association whereby the latter organization is making \$1,000 available for mohair publicity.

"The directors meeting was a good one," reported Secretary Pete Gulley of Uvalde.

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